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Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, MAY 19 (UP).—THE MARQUIS D'AGUIAR, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SPANISH CATHOLIC AND ROYALIST PARTIES IN THE UNITED STATES, TO-DAY REVEALED THAT TWO GERMAN PANZER DIVISIONS HAD CROSSED FROM SPAIN EN ROUTE TO TUNISIA AND LIBYA, AND THAT SHIPLOADS OF ARMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO MEXICO AND CHILE.

SYRIAN BAIT

Ibn Saud's Help
Solicited

VICHY, May 19 (Reuter).—Raschid Ali's Finance Minister has already had two interviews with King Ibn Saud and has extended his stay in Saudi Arabia by 48 hours, according to a Baghdad message.

Evacuation

JERUSALEM, May 19 (Reuter).—The evacuation of Syria and Lebanon by British, Americans and Palestinians on the advice of their consuls is reported in a dispatch to the Independent French Agency.

The mining of the road from Beirut to Northern Palestine is reported but not confirmed.

Leaflets on Damascus

BEIRUT, May 19 (UP).—The British to-day bombed the aerodrome at Palmyra and dropped leaflets on Aleppo, Damascus and Deir ez-Zor. The British Consul-General, Mr. G. T. Harvard is leaving on Wednesday as a result of Britain's request for the withdrawal of the French Consul General at London. The Vice-Consuls at Beirut and Damascus are remaining.

Protective Measures

MADRID, May 19 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of "Alcazar" reports that it is not expected in Berlin that the Vichy Government will take reprisals for the British bombing of Syrian aerodromes though it is felt that Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan are studying what are termed "protective measures."

Chinese Military Mission

SINGAPORE, May 19 (Reuter).—The Chinese Military Mission, which has been on a visit here, is returning to Chungking "fortified with a knowledge of the immense strength and military preparedness of Malaya," declared a member of the Mission in a farewell broadcast to-day.

The Mission has just completed a two weeks' tour, during which it visited many centres of military importance. This tour, the spokesman added, has enabled them to understand the real strength of Malaya.

"We are happy in the knowledge that we have a strong friend here in this part of the world," he concluded.

Joint Nazi-Soviet Action In Middle East Hinted

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Soviet Army began its spring manoeuvres with a considerable concentration of troops in the region of Tashkent, near the frontier of Iran, according to a dispatch by the "New York Times." Ankara correspondent, Sulzberger, quoted by the Ankara radio to-night.

Sulzberger cites diplomatic reports in Ankara as indicating that Russia and Germany "would appear to be arranging some sort of joint action in the Middle East" and specifically mentions reports of negotiations for use by Germany of Russian ships on the Black Sea to transport war materials to Russian ports for transit to Iran and Iraq.

He also declared that twelve German divisions have been in Spain since November last, ready to act in Morocco when the time was auspicious, the move being dependent upon a French-Axis agreement.

The Marquis also asserted that in October, 1938, Spain agreed to enter the war but the plan was changed last September when Spain was instructed to remain neutral and to get everything possible from the United States and Britain.

Mystery Of Nazi Freighter

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—The mystery of the German freighter Lech, 3,290 tons, which left Rio de Janeiro on April 28, has deepened following a report made by an officer of the Brazilian vessel Pirangy.

When the Pirangy arrived at Rio on Monday, an officer, who was on the bridge on the night of May 4, declared that off Abrolhos, south of Bahia, he saw several ship's boats in which the sailors made signals with lights.

The officer was unable to identify the boats.

On the same night, the wireless operator of the Pirangy deciphered an S.O.S. from the German freighter Lech, addressed to Bahia radio station.

It is recalled that reports circulating a fortnight ago asserted that the Lech had been intercepted by a British auxiliary off Bahia and had scuttled herself.

These reports were not substantiated.

China Seeks More Arms By Barter

CHUNGKING, May 15 (International).—It was revealed here that on the night of May 15, Dr. H. H. Kung, the Finance Minister, called on Mr. Alexander S. Panouchkine, the Soviet Ambassador, with a view to seeking further Soviet war materials by extending the present barter agreements.

An agreement was reached in principle between the two parties, although the Soviet Ambassador has to refer the matter to Moscow. With the arrival of a large shipment of Soviet war materials and warplanes last month, more such assistance is sought.

Sino-Soviet relations are very cordial, being unaffected by the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Treaty.

Thereafter, Germany "peacefully" invaded Spain and put military forces in the Canary Islands and Spain's African possessions.

The Marquis d'Aguiar stated that he had advised the State Department that he had been informed that Germany now represented any Spanish Consulate or Legation in the Americas, and that this move had been taken for the purpose of combating Pan-Americanism.

Vichy-Nazi Accord

Further Collaboration

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—"Franco-German negotiations continue to make satisfactory progress," it is officially announced in Vichy, according to the German news agency.

Permission to enter the occupied northern and western zones is to be granted to officials and leaders of industrial and agricultural concerns provided that their presence is essential for administrative and economic purposes.

A scheme for the repatriation of certain categories of prisoners of war is at present under consideration.

De Gaulle Replies

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Complete disavowal of the "agreements" between the Vichy Government and Germany is contained in a declaration by General de Gaulle to the British Government and the chiefs of the Allied Governments in London.

"It states that the Vichy 'Government' has placed itself in a position which deprives itself of all independence with regard to the invader."

The source of the Vichy so-called government lies exclusively in the person of an old man who, for many years, has been known to be enfeebled by age.

A Belligerent State

The declaration continues: "Firstly, France cannot and must not be held responsible for acts supposedly committed in her name by rulers who usurped power and subjected themselves to the enemy."

"Secondly, the French nation is continuing the war by means of all her military forces and territories outside enemy control and should, therefore, be considered a belligerent nation by all states and as an ally by those who fight the common enemy."

Home Guard Celebrities

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Sir Arthur Whitten Brown who, with the late Sir John Alcock, made the first Atlantic flight in 1919, has been appointed a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Home Guard with the command of a battalion.

Sir Arthur was a Lieutenant in the R.A.F. in the last war and is now an active flying officer in the Training Branch.

Another battalion commander appearing on the same list is Major General George Dalke, formerly of the Royal Marines, who served in the South African and World wars.

Surrender of Duke of Aosta: Its Effect on British Cause

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The collapse of Italian resistance at Amba Alagi and the surrender of the Duke of Aosta mean the practical termination of the Abyssinian campaign.

"Reuters" Diplomatic Correspondent learns that there are still a few scattered pockets where small bodies of Italians are holding out, but their power of offensive has been completely broken and they can be safely left to be dealt with at leisure by the patriot forces.

SINKING OF THE ZAMZAM

Many Americans
Aboard

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—Officials are anxiously awaiting official reports regarding the steamer Zamzam, which not only reported the loss of American lives, but also that the action apparently occurred on the South Atlantic route which has been regarded as safe for neutral traffic.

The route of the Zamzam is the same as will be followed by United States freighters assigned to the task of taking supplies to Egypt. Germany declared the Red Sea a combat zone but the United States does not recognise such designation.

Missionaries Aboard

NEW YORK, May 19 (UP).—The Zamzam carried 19 missionaries with seven children, representing the Africa Inland Mission, an inter-denominational organization and also nine Seventh Day Adventists with one infant, as well as several French, Murphy of "Fortune" magazine, and Mr. David Scherman, "Life" magazine photographer, several businessmen and the wife of an R.A.F. pilot with her child were aboard.

142 Americans

The Thomas Cook Travel Agency states that 142 Americans were among the 202 passengers on the Zamzam. The other passengers comprised 23 Canadians, 28 British, four Belgians, two Greeks, one Italian and one Frenchman.

Canadians Aboard

TORONTO, May 19 (Reuter).—It is declared here that at least 23 Canadians were aboard the Egyptian steamer Zamzam, which was lost while carrying a British-American Ambulance unit across the Atlantic.

Soviet Forms Home Guard

MOSCOW, May 19 (Reuter).—The Soviet Union, which originated the technique of parachute soldiers, has taken a leaf out of Britain's defence book in co-opting civilian defence against this new form of warfare.

The Soviet radio stated to-day that 18,000 miners were among a large number of citizens who took part in defence exercises in the important industrial centre of Staling (formerly Hughesobka).

Parachutists unsuccessfully tried to take the mines, radio station and metallurgical station.

Staling lies in the Don Basin in the Ukraine just north of the Black Sea and is the centre of rich coal, iron and manganese ores. It has a population of 300,000.

Roosevelt and Congress

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—A very high authority disclosed to-day that President Roosevelt is considering a special message to Congress regarding the international situation and the report will possibly declare a full emergency to exist.

The President met the legislative leaders this morning for the first time in three weeks, indicating that he "might" send a special message on the war developments as they affect the United States and possibly recommending new Congressional action. If he decides on a message to Congress, it will be sent shortly. The President read from a document on his desk but it could not be determined whether or not it was a draft of the message.

Non-Stop Action By R.A.F. Over The Middle East

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—A large formation of R.A.F. and South African aircraft carried out attacks on enemy tanks between Fort Capuzzo and Halfaya yesterday, according to an R.A.F. communique.

A number of tanks were put out of action and serious damage was inflicted on many more transport vehicles.

British fighters made extensive patrols but no decisive engagements with the enemy resulted.

North Africa

During the night of Friday-Saturday, aerodromes at Menalir and Birchleta were raided. Benghazi and Derna were also attacked on the following night by British bombers.

Full details of these operations are not yet available but it is known that considerable damage was caused. During operations over Tobruk yesterday, three German dive-bombers were shot down by A.A. fire.

In Abyssinia

In Abyssinia, British aircraft continue to assist the troops in mopping-up operations. Attacks were mainly confined to enemy motor transport retreating along the roads.

Syria

In Syria, bombing attacks made were on Palmyra aerodrome, where one large German transport aircraft and one Heinkel-III were destroyed by fire.

German aircraft on Damascus aerodrome and Rayak were also bombed and machine-gunned. Raids were also made on Raschid aerodrome in Iraq.

Island of Rhodes

A number of fires were started at Calisto aerodrome on the island of Rhodes as the result of a raid carried out on Saturday night.

Crete Attacked

During enemy attacks on Allied aerodromes in Crete, one Dornier 17 and another unidentified aircraft were shot down by A.A. guns. From all these operations, one aircraft is missing.

Enemy Over Cyprus

NICOSIA, May 19 (Reuter).—An enemy reconnaissance aeroplane appeared over Cyprus this afternoon and remained 30 minutes, according to an official announcement. No bombs were dropped.

Australia's War Loan Sold Out

CANBERRA, May 19 (Reuter).—Following a last-minute rush, Australia's £35,000,000 War Loan closed to-day having been over-subscribed, the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. A. W. Fadden) estimated by £750,000. The result is considered extremely gratifying, particularly the fact that the number of subscribers was more than double that of the last loan.

Empire Air Scheme

MELBOURNE, May 19 (Reuter).—The Air Minister, Mr. K. McEwen, declared that Australia was entirely abreast of the extra commitments under the Empire Air Scheme and was remedying any lag in personnel quickly. Mr. McEwen recalled that it had been officially announced a few days ago that many Australian Air Force squadrons were being formed for service in the theatres of war overseas.

KWANGTUNG OBJECTIVE

Spoils At Waichow And
Poklo Sought

SHUUKWAN, May 19 (International).—A high staff officer returning from the East River front revealed that about 25,000 Japanese troops of the South China command are deployed in the present operations in Waichow and Poklo, which are now enveloped by Chinese forces preparatory to a counter-offensive. The informant discounted the possibility of an enemy push to Shuukwan, believing that the present thrusts are intended largely to seize the heavy accumulation of goods at Waichow and Poklo awaiting export to the United States and Soviet Russia.

British Reach Cyprus From Greek Front

NICOSIA, May 19 (Reuter).—It is now possible to reveal that a party of Imperial troops who were the remnants of the historic rearguard at Mount Olympus, in rags, some of them ill and wounded, have reached the shores of Cyprus after the most astonishing escapes among the Greek Aegean islands.

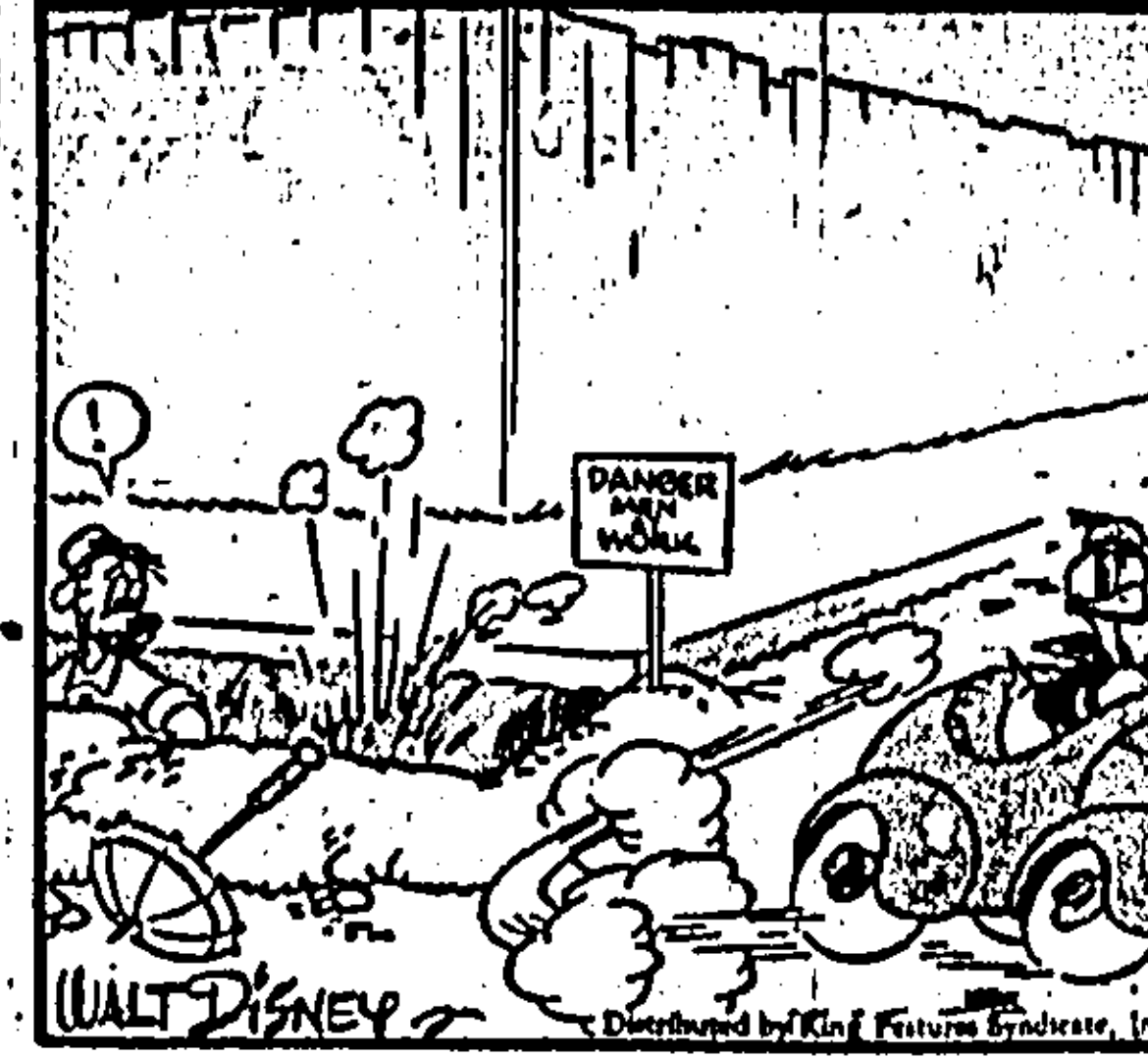
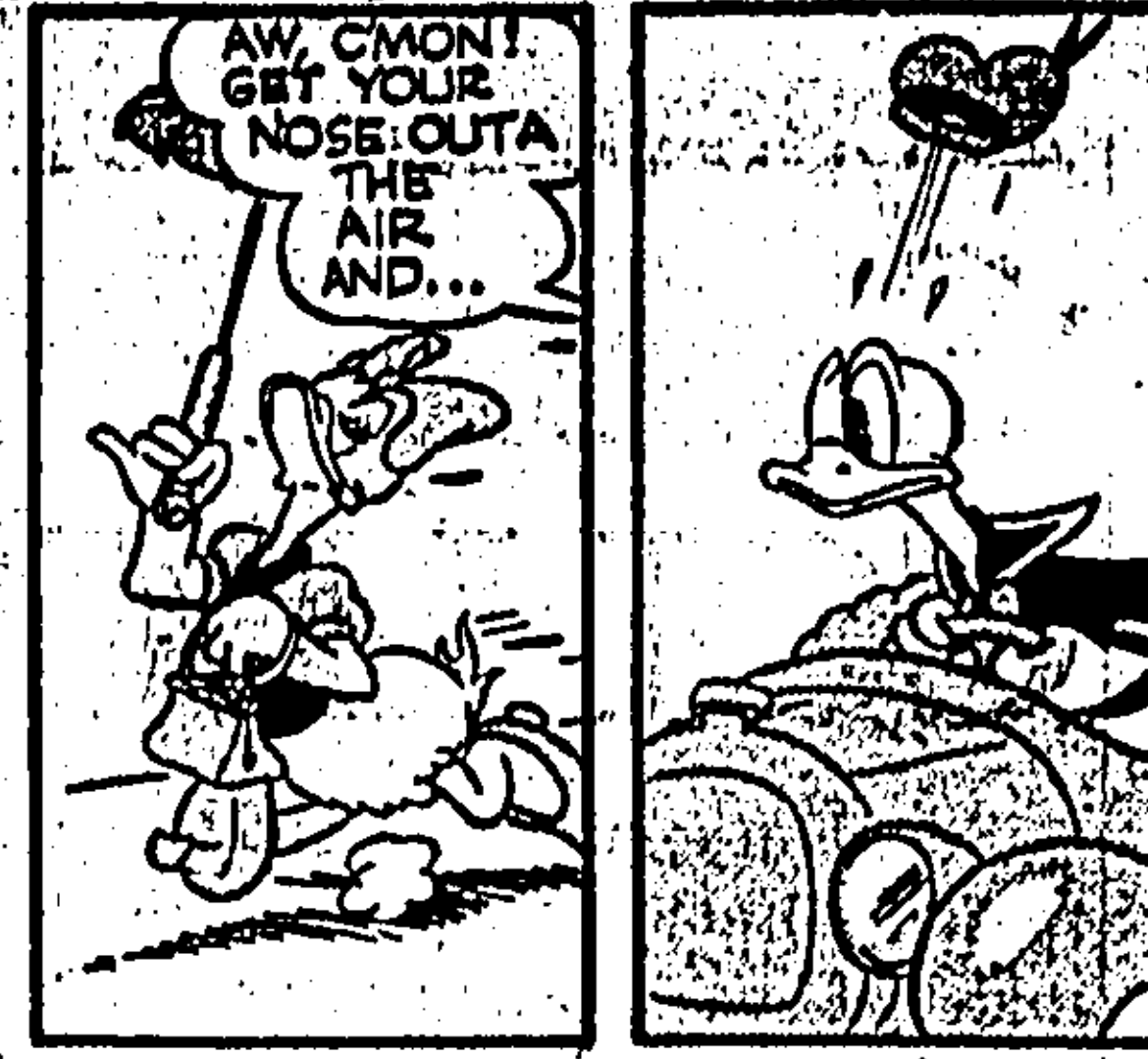
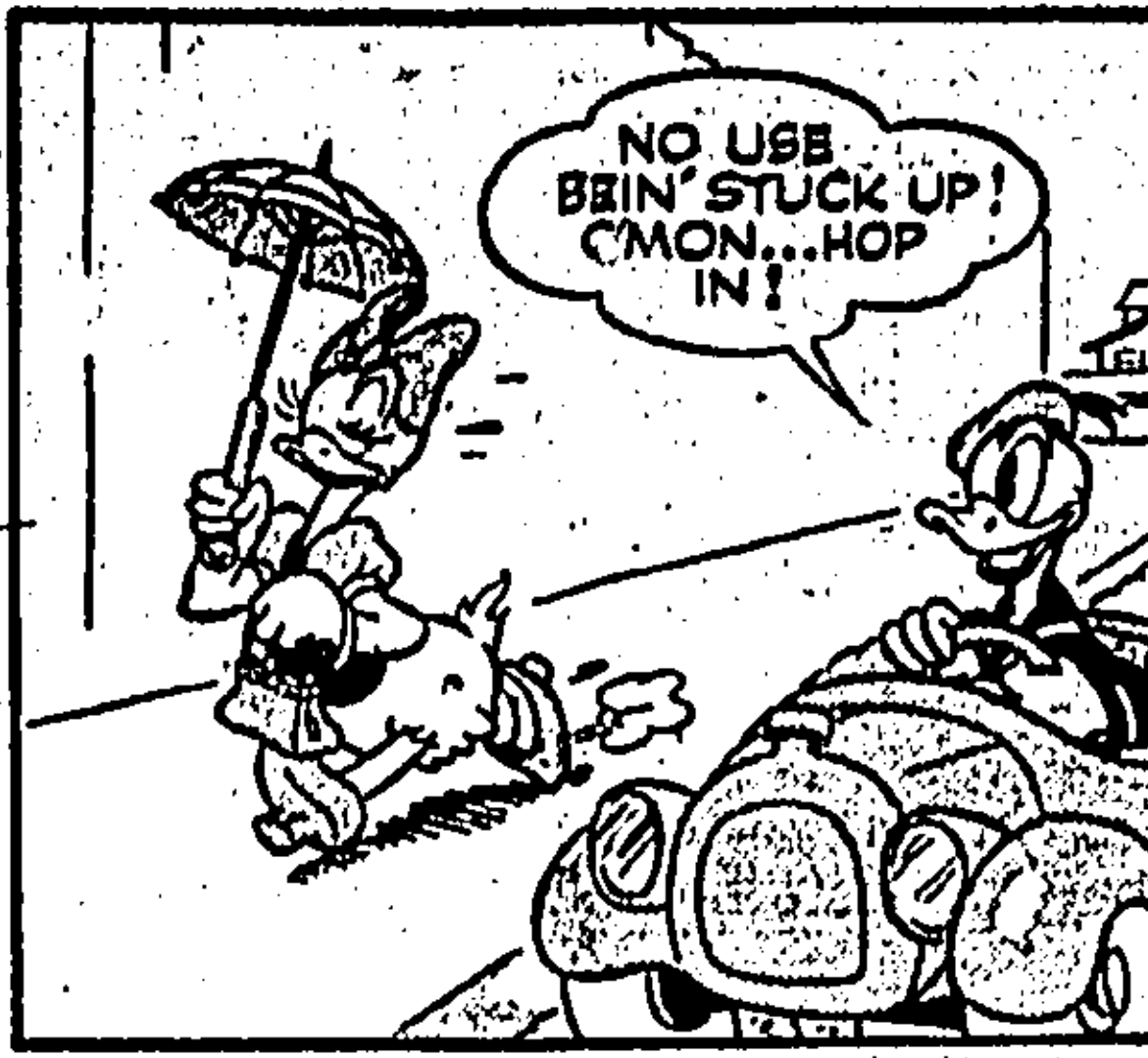
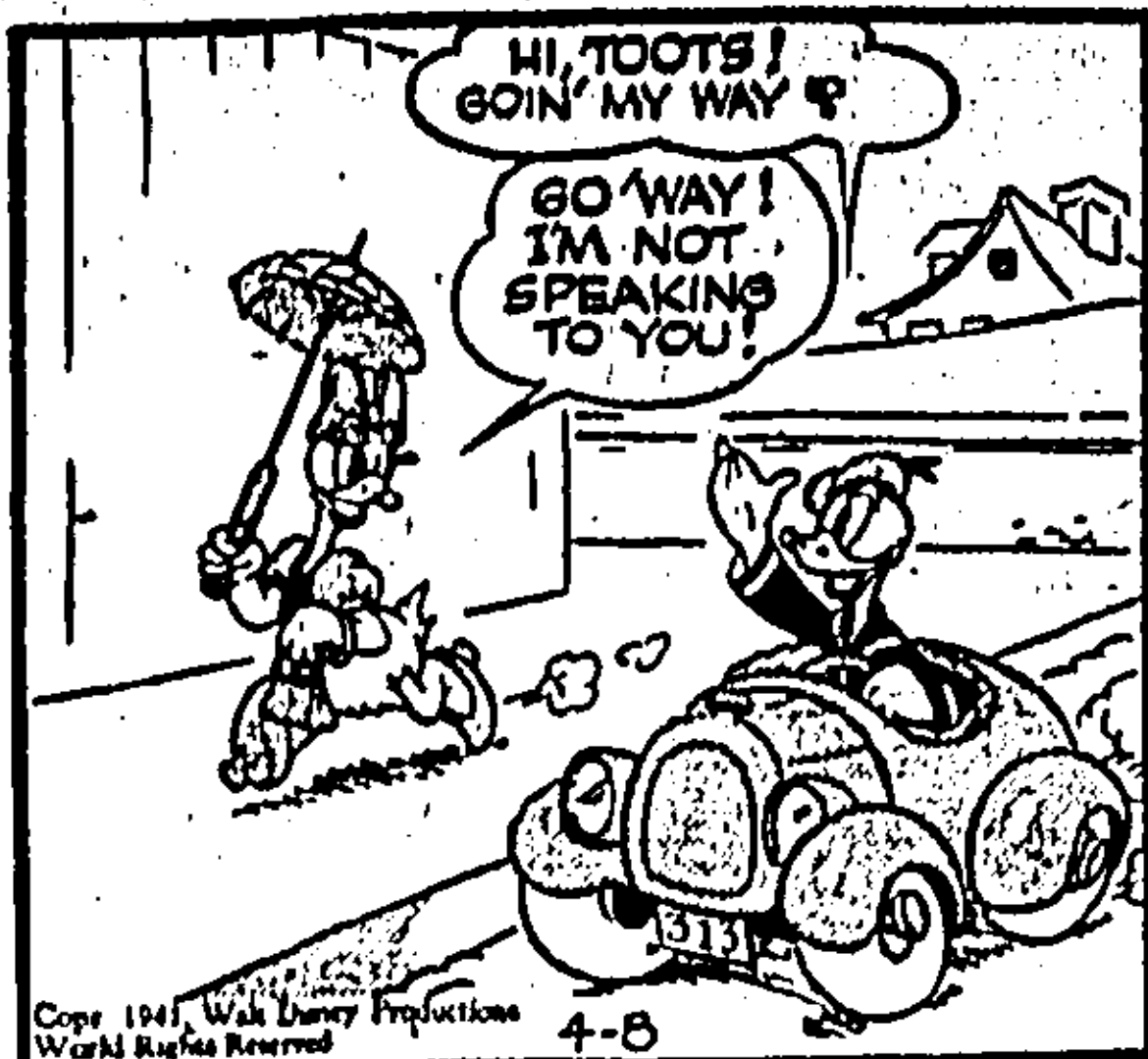
They tell stories of desperate resistance against impossible odds when Nazi planes, tanks and infantry in massed assaults tried to smash their line.

One Anzac said: "The Germans came on the line like men possessed, determined to be slaughtered. We mowed them down like flies. One river, where we made a stand, was so choked with German bodies that you could walk across."

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FRANCE at Nazi Mercy

By Joe Alex Morris

This is the second of two dispatches by the Foreign News Editor of the United Press who visited France on his way back to the United States after an assignment in England. The first appeared last Friday.

Sometimes a procession of automobiles rolls into the main street of Vichy and half a dozen German army officers get out in front of the big resort hotel that houses the French Ministry of War. If the guard at the door presents arms, and a trim, little man in uniform comes to greet the new arrivals, you know that there is a general of the Reichswehr among the Germans.

The sober little man with a ramrod back is General Huntzinger, the French Minister of Defence. Only a little man in a stiff, flat-topped General's cap could be so severely correct in his public greeting to a conqueror.

Passersby pause to look at the Germans. The German soldiers gaze around with restrained curiosity and sometimes take snapshots. They have an air of confidence that contrasts sharply with the apathy of the French around them, and it is only when some of the passersby turn away that you see anger and bitterness on their faces.

The anger and bitterness that exist among the French may become a potent element in the war. But thus far, it has failed to penetrate the confused apathy of a defeated nation. The people know that at any moment Germany may draw tight the noose that would

strangle what is left of Unoccupied France.

To understand the position of France in a warring continent, you must weigh the attitude of the government leaders, the power of Germany to strangle France almost overnight and the dazed, hopeless condition of the mass of the people after last year's battle.

The government of Marshal Petain, under the influence of former vice-premier Pierre Laval, bet on a German victory over Great Britain and agreed to collaboration in a new European order dominated by Germany. Most members of the government are still staking their futures on that bet, although they are less confident now of the outcome. One of them explained it this way:

"There are more than 80,000,000 Germans with a vast industrial machine. It is only reasonable that they should be a dominant power on the continent. We lost the war. We are primarily an agricultural country, and we can fit into a new European order in which we maintain the rights and sovereignty of France just as any one of your states in America maintains its position. And, just as a native of any one of those states can become a leader again in Europe."

In a general way, that is the official version of the ultimate purpose of collaboration with Germany, but it is modified by many influences. The first big influence was Laval, who staked everything on a quick German triumph after France fell. He went so far in his efforts to gain personal power, with the



FRENCH REFUGEES—More than 30,000 German Jews, Hungarians, Czechoslovaks, Russians, Poles and Spaniards are detained in internment camps in unoccupied France, where their lives are utterly futile and miserable, according to reports. Pictures above were taken at Camp des Milles, not far from Marseilles. Top, ancient brick factory now used as the main building. Left, a refugee "reads his shirt" for parasites. Right, Russians huddle about a small wood-burning stove while bread and soup are served. Bottom, wooden bunks for men in German refugee quarters. Each group is assigned a leader who is responsible for persons in his charge. Future appears dark for them.

backing of Germany, that he fell victim to the intrigue of his political foes at home and to Petain's own ideas of how to save France from extinction. Laval is now in Paris, but many in Vichy believe he will return. They know that the Germans can put him in a place of power again if they think it desirable.

The ousting of Laval brought Admiral Francois Darlan to power, and consolidated in his hands the most important cabinet posts. Darlan is outspokenly anti-British, because he built up the French Navy and saw some of its finest ships attacked by the British at Dakar and Oran. He is reputed to have expressed a hope that the French Navy would have a chance to show its mettle to the British, but is also credited with being merely more anti-British than pro-German.

Darlan's lack of political experience has brought Petain's position more strongly into the foreground. The old Marshal, regardless of his personal political views, represents the French desire to survive as a nation. He has convinced the people that he is above political intrigue or personal ambition. His one desire is to go down in history as a national saviour. He is trying to mark time until somebody wins the war. Petain and all of Unoccupied France, however, are at the mercy of Germany.

"The line of demarcation between occupied and unoccupied France is a diabolically clever cord of strangulation,"

one French official explained. "Whenever it is drawn tight, we begin to choke."

The Germans hold almost 2,000,000 French war prisoners, and by holding them can delay the ability of the nation to recover and weaken France for a generation by drastically affecting the birth rate.

Germans are using billions of francs paid by the French Government for support of the Nazi army in occupied France to buy into French industries and other enterprises, which they will control even if the army of occupation is withdrawn. German occupation is forcing France to sky-rocket its borrowings toward the 100,000,000,000 franc mark, with consequences so obvious that the franc can now be purchased on the Black Bourse at more than 125 to the U.S. dollar in contrast to the official rate of 43 1/2.

This Nazi programme of economic destruction, however, is only part of the problem. The French are running short of food, and whenever the "strangulation line" is drawn tight the Germans can make the food, fuel, and raw materials shortages so acute that the unoccupied zone is all but paralysed. Already the food shortage has persuaded Petain to back Darlan's threat to use French warships against the British blockade. Some neutral observers believe that real famine conditions might persuade the Marshal to go further in deals with Germany in exchange for food.

Against the German power, there are a few safeguards. One is the Nazi-dictated armistice that left the fleet in French hands to protect French colonies. As long as Petain can threaten to flee to North Africa and turn the fleet, air force and colonial army over to co-operation with the British, the Germans must carefully weigh the cost of breaking the armistice terms by invading the unoccupied zone or seizing French naval bases.

The second and, possibly the most important, safeguard is the pro-British feeling among the French armed forces and the people. Three experienced observers just returned from North Africa told the same story: that the French navy took an objective view of the military necessity that prompted British attacks at Oran and Dakar, and that the feeling among both men and officers was favourable to the British.

The people of the occupied zone are invariably described by responsible persons reaching Vichy as becoming daily more bitter against the Germans—largely because an army of occupation paralyzes business and hits the people in their pocket-books. In the unoccupied zone, the people have not yet recovered enough from the daze of defeat to worry seriously about who is going to win the war. But if they forget their own troubles long enough to talk about it, the old fear of Germany emerges, and there are new signs scrawled in chalk on the walls: "Vive De Gaulle!"—Copyright 1941 by United Press.

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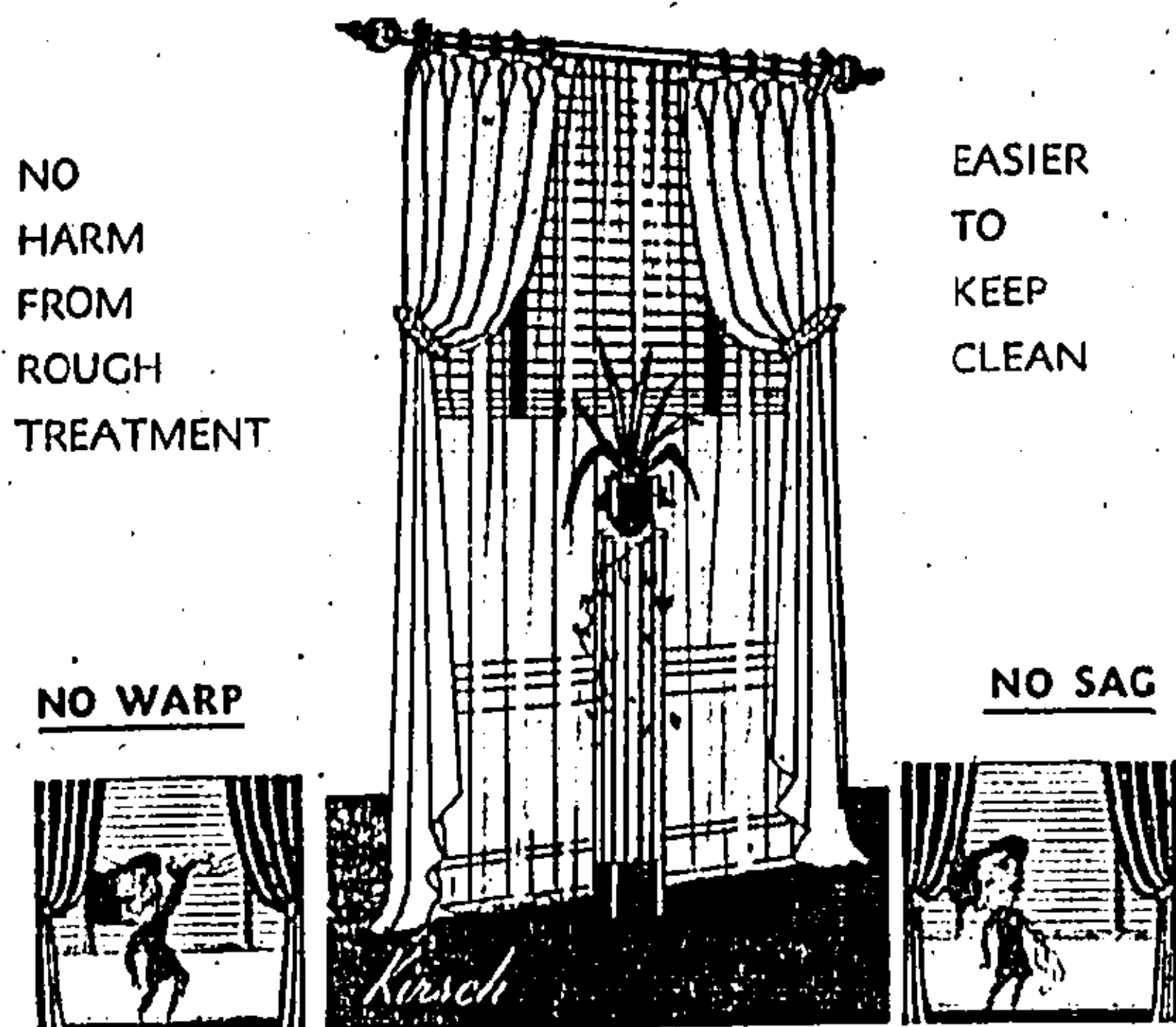
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Balance Sheet

AN attempt to strike a balance in the progress of the greatest war in history shows that the democracies have emerged fairly well from the struggle to date when full consideration is given to their utter unpreparedness. The first wars, beginning in the early part of the last decade, can be merged for the sake of convenience into one long diplomatic struggle which the democracies lost all along the line—in Manchuria, Abyssinia, Spain, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Munich. On the field was lost the Battle of France, the Battle for Norway and the Battle of the Balkans.

We won the greatest victory of the war ten months ago—the Battle of Britain. With America's help now certain we can count the Battle of the Atlantic won, though we must continue to suffer some losses. In Africa the issue is still clouded despite the brilliant success of our troops in the north-east because of two factors: the uncertainty with regard to the Arab peoples and the possible swing of French Africa against us by allowing the enemy to use bases there.

The fact that the Bulgarians are being asked to police more territory to free Nazi troops coupled with the activity of the Royal Navy round Gibraltar would seem to indicate that we are preparing some very strong medicine for the enemy in the Middle East. The defences of Britain have reached a stage when we can afford to release troops for the Middle East from where, indeed, it is not inconceivable that invasion of the continent might be made to subdue Italy, if not to effect a final blow.

Though the loss of the Suez Canal and Gibraltar would never reconcile us to defeat we shall make a great bid to maintain ourselves in the Mediterranean. We have won some notable victories in the three elements there against great odds and we shall press to consolidate them.

The determination of the surviving democracies to force a successful conclusion to the war is stronger than ever; this factor, together with the knowledge that we are daily improving our military resources, permits quiet confidence in the final outcome of the struggle.

Lessons of the GREAT RETREAT FROM COLLECTIVE SECURITY

IT needs a stout heart and indomitable faith in the midst of such a war as this to take a hopeful view of the League of Nations.

Shall we witness a joyful return to the great palace at Geneva when the struggle is over and the world makes its new start?—Will the nations write off as a partial or total failure the great experiment which was begun after the last war? Will they try again on new and, perhaps, less pretentious lines?

Such questions may seem vain to many when our one immediate concern is to beat the enemy. Yet some of the best brains should be thinking ahead in view of the eventual Peace Conference.

Europe is certain to be extremely war-weary when the last shot is fired—victors as well as vanquished. It was so in 1918. War-weariness does not conduce to sound constructive thought.

Those who would refresh memories almost necessarily confused by the swift passage of exciting events and perpetually recurrent crises should turn to Viscount Cecil's "A Great Experiment," published recently by Jonathan Cape (16s). Few can have been better acquainted with what went on behind the scenes than he. He attended the birth of the League at Versailles in 1919 and, as it were, adopted the child as his special charge. He took a foremost part in many of its triumphs and some of its disasters.

For the League he abandoned all other political interests. In season and out of season he was its untiring champion and advocate. Though he calls this book an autobiography, most of the story is monopolised by the League, as though he himself did not begin to live until he found his real calling and election in the service of the League.

It is not a thrilling story. The spectacle of an enthusiast playing on his ravaged heart-strings is always sorrowful. Nor is he even now "to sorrow resigned." When his indignation is not ablaze it is smouldering, and it is directed almost always against British Ministers. He does not accept the view—which many find easiest to accept—that the League was born before the world was ready for its coming. Statesmen and delegates who were supposed when they reached Geneva to forget their nationalistic ambitions and think first of the general good of humanity signally failed to rise to the lofty standards required. It is notorious that the spirit of intrigue was as rampant at

the end of the last century as it is today. The League was a child born in a world of darkness and confusion. It was a child of its time, and its fate was sealed from the start.

He rejects the various Federal schemes which are finding support in some quarters. They would be no more acceptable, he thinks, to the countries concerned than was the scheme of Imperial Federation which the late Lord Milner sponsored a quarter of a century ago.

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If Viscount Cecil had addressed himself more to a clear exposition of his "conclusions," than to the drafting of his sweeping indictment of Ministers for missing the boat at critical junctures, and committing, as he thinks, so many inexcusable timidities and cowardly retreats, his book would have been made more useful.

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Lord Gort's Visit To Algeciras

GIBRALTAR, May 19 (Reuter).—General Lord Gort, the British Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar, paid an official visit to the Spanish Military Governor of Algeciras this morning.

Lord Gort made the journey by sea. It is understood that the visit was cordial and that the Spanish Governor is expected to return the call on May 28.

Meiji University Baseballers To Visit Hawaii

TOKYO, May 19 (Domei).—Meiji University's baseball team, which was last year's champion among Tokyo's six big universities, will leave on June 10 aboard the Yahata Maru for Hawaii where it will play eight to ten games with the teams of the Hawaiian Baseball League.

The Meiji team which has been invited by the Hawaii Asahi Club will be headed by Manager Ryojo Akagami, Coach Umeko Tanizawa and 18 players.

The Meiji players will remain in Hawaii Island for a fortnight and will return to Japan on August 15 aboard the Asama Maru.

Rifle Shooting

First Time Since 1914-13

The Hongkong Special Guard Company "Hughes Group" held their first Rifle meeting at Kowloon City Range on Sunday.

As this was the first time that some of the members have had a chance to fire a service rifle since 1914-1918, the results were very satisfactory.

At the close of the meet, a competitive detail match was held, which resulted in two details of eight members each scoring a total of 115. The winning detail was headed by Mr. Langston and Mr. Roscoe shot it out, and the result was an overwhelming victory for the latter.

Electric Rinks

THE FOLLOWING will represent the Hongkong Electric R.C. in a Third Division lawn bowls match against the Hongkong F.C. at North Point on Saturday:

W. E. Macfarlane, E. L. Groome, J. F. Barron and L. de Rome. A. P. Tarbuck, J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan and J. K. Sloan. A. F. Paul, W. Stoker, A. G. Gardner and J. F. Lunny. Reserve, W. Stonehouse.

Libyan Border Fighting

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—Dealing with the German supply from Fort Capuzzo, military circles said that the R.A.F. gave them a taste of their own medicine with a large dose of dive-bombing.

The German attempt with two columns to force "Hellfire Pass" was unsuccessful and the Germans again have to recuperate from their losses in the now much trampled Sollum area.



AT PRAYER—Despite bombracked walls and debris, this group gathered in the ruins of Coventry Cathedral for prayer on Good Friday. A cross of charred wood stands over an improvised altar in the roofless building. The Archdeacon said: "If you know God loves you, you can stand up to anything."

Blitzed Publishers' Scheme Of Co-operative Book Distribution

A co-operative experiment in book distribution, the greatest venture of its kind the book trade of Great Britain ever knew, has arisen from the ashes of Nazi-devastated Paternoster Row and its environs—for centuries the heart of Britain's book trade.

When Paternoster Row, a long, narrow, dark street off Saint Paul's Churchyard, was fired by Nazi bombers in the London holocaust of Dec. 29, more than 6,000,000 volumes were destroyed, among them many priceless and irreplaceable treasures.

The offices and warehouses of nearly a dozen well-known publishers were either totally destroyed or seriously damaged, and in this toll of literary havoc, Simpkin Marshall, wholesale book distributors of Stationers' Hall Court near by, lost every item in their stock of 2,500,000 volumes, together with their unique catalogues comprising a record of books published in England for more than 100 years past.

Yet before the ashes cooled, the essentials of a co-operative scheme for carrying on business had been worked out by the Publishers' Association which undertook to run Simpkins as a distributive agent for the whole trade.

The name, the business, the goodwill, the vans, all that was left, were taken over and the work of distribution was carried on from Book Centre Limited, a subsidiary concern of Messrs Pitman.

Vital Link in Trade
Simpkin Marshall have long been a vital connecting link between publisher and retail bookseller. Their aim in the past has been to have every book in stock, or to know how to procure it quickly, so that when the man-in-the-street walked into a bookshop anywhere and asked for what might be an obscure title, the bookseller put it or his daily order form, and Simpkins, from their stocks and records looked it out and supplied it.

About ten per cent of the books sold by British publishers went through Simpkins' records. The firm had also developed a considerable export business. Crates bearing their name took British culture and scholarship to the remotest sections of the world.

Messrs W. H. Smith and Son, wholesale book distributors themselves, have given practical assistance in getting Simpkins' distributive machinery working again.

Messrs Longmans Green and Co., publishers since 1724, who had their City and Southwark warehouses both destroyed on the same night, next day carried on the publishing tradition of 200 years, in a small office in Surrey. A dozen or so titles of books for sale, had taken the place of the 6,000 they had had the day before.

Old Firms Hard Hit
Other publishers whose premises were ravaged include William Blackwood and Sons, established in Edinburgh in 1814 and operating a London branch since 1840. They published George Eliot's "Adam Bede" in 1859.

Messrs Collins lost their office in Bridewell Place, but most of their stock was held in Glasgow. The offices of Hutchinson, largest firm of publishers in the world, were completely gutted. Their stock, however, was safe. They now have new offices in Princes' Gate, S. W., London.

Messrs J. Whitaker and Sons, publishers for nearly three centuries of a century of "Whitaker's Almanack" and the "Bookseller," lost their records and orders in the fire and publication of the "Almanack" had to be postponed for a time while they secured duplicates.

Cassells, in La Belle Sauvage, was saved by one of its own fire-watchers who dealt with an incendiary bomb after it had burnt through the roof.

Good Neighbour Policy
The good-neighbour movement to offset all this destruction in the book-trade began the day after the fire. Publishers whose premises were spared offered sanctuary to less fortunate competitors, and printers and binders did all they could to help.

So, in spite of it all, the compilation and printing of Spring Lists has gone ahead, and reprints of the works with a known ready sale have been rushed through.

WINDOW OF 1449

One of the oldest church windows in the country at East Hamling, Norfolk parish church, is to be removed to a safe place as a precaution against air raid damage. The window dates from 1449. When fears were felt for its safety in 1950, it was stored and forgotten for 242 years when it was replaced.

Diocesan Missionary Association

Hope for the formation of groups in Australia with the idea of stimulating interest and augmenting funds was expressed in a report by Miss W. Robinson, Secretary, at the annual meeting of the Victoria Diocesan Missionary Association in the Cathedral Hall yesterday.

Rev. A. P. Rose presided and on the platform were Dr. K. L. Reicholt, Rev. D. Rosenthal, Mr. J. A. Tarrant (Treasurer) and Miss Robinson.

The Chairman conveyed an apology from Bishop Hall for his absence. He was to arrive from Chungking last night.

When the accounts were dealt with, Miss E. S. Addins said last year there was a grant for a missionary, of \$500 which did not come in this year. She thought last year it was considered best that the grant should not be made again. She wondered whether an appeal could be sent to the Finance Committee asking if the grant could still be made since last year's resolution was passed.

The budget was passed with an alteration that the Executive Council look into the question of a possible grant for a missionary and to make the necessary alterations in the budget to allow for it.

Mr. Rose said Mrs. Richards' St John's Cathedral group report stated there were 147 members, of which seven were lost this year and a few more had left recently. Subscriptions and donations collected up to date amounted to \$493 and more was to come.

Dealing with the report of Christ Church, Mr. Rosenthal said visits had been made to the Blind Home and a picnic and dinner were held for the blind. A Boys' Club had been started in Kowloon City and a paid teacher had been engaged. There were 10 children in the Club and the work done has been good.

Mr. Rose said this move of forming a Boys' Club was a very good one and was part of the Association's work. The boys would not only benefit educationally but also they would have religious instructions.

Resettled Cared For
Speaking of the Byre Refuge, Mr. Rosenthal said there was a home for destitute women inside the walled city in Kowloon City and at present there were 10 members. Its inmates received home care and did needle work, the sale of which formed the principal source of income. The women were physically disabled in some way or other. Some had been sent from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs and others from the Po Leung Kuk. Orders for needle work done could be laid.

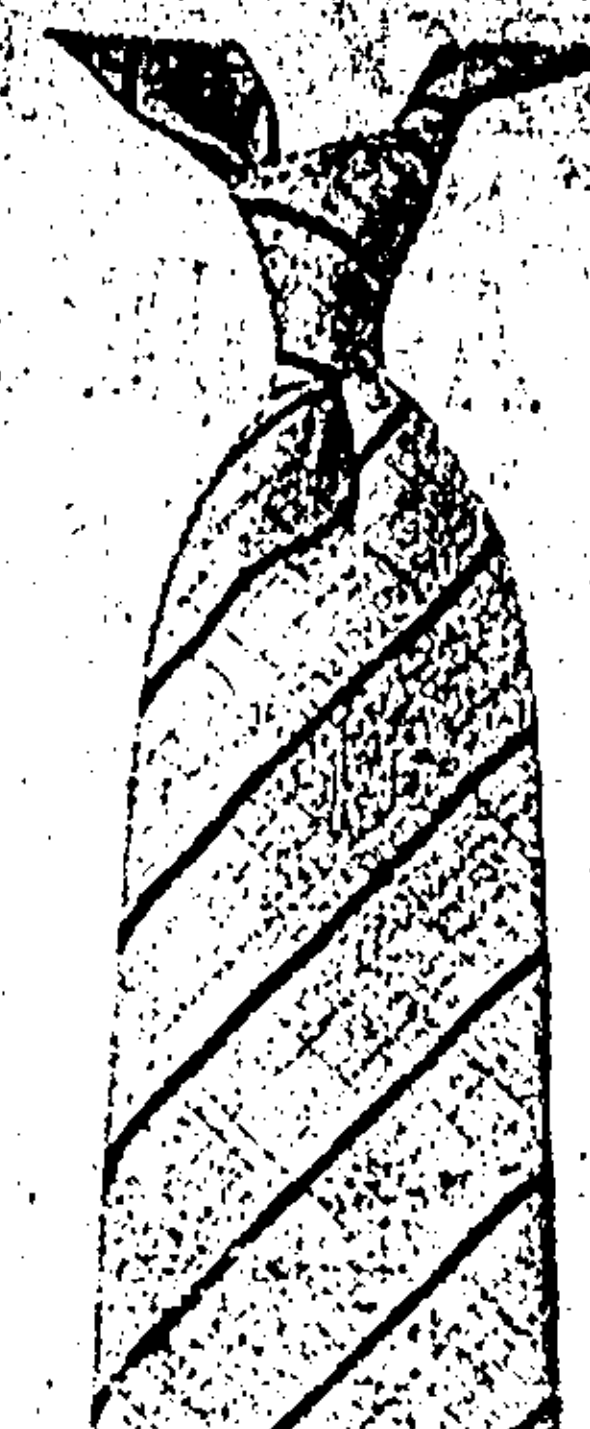
Speaking of the Church Guest House, Mr. Rose said thanks were due to Miss Elliot, who was Warden prior to her leaving for Canada, and to Miss Griffith who acted as hostess. From July to December there were 107 guests, excluding permanent residents, and from June to the middle of May this year there were 37. Total income amounted to \$1,400 and the balance at the end of the year was \$500. This year's receipts to the end of April amounted to \$3,714 and payments reached \$4,102.

STOCK MARKET REPORT
Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday, is:

Buyers
H.K. Banks \$1,310
Bank of East Asia \$71
H.K. Fire Ins. \$176
Indo-Chinas (Pre) \$80
Providents \$5.05
Hotels \$2.85
Lands \$31
Lights "O" \$5.70
Electrics "Ris" \$11.35
Macao Electrics \$18.50
Ropes \$6.50
Entertainments \$0.25

Sellers
Macao Electrics \$18.00

Sales
H.K. Banks \$1,310
Lands \$31
Humphreys \$6.40
Trams \$15.90



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U.S. Auxiliaries
WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—The House to-day passed the Senate bill permitting the Navy Department to buy or build 58 auxiliaries totaling 500,000 tons and authorizing expenditures of \$300,000,000, for this purpose.

Royal Exiles Go To Virgin Islands
BERMUDA, May 19. (Reuter).—Ex-King Carol and Madame Lupescu are leaving here to-day for St. Thomas, capital of the Virgin Islands (American possession).

Spring Training Nears Its End

M. el Arculli's Brilliant Pitching Holds Tulsa Squad Down

Truelight Schoolgirls Defeat Cardinals

(By "Ball Fan")

Nearing the end of a rapid spring training programme at the Caroline Hill sand dunes, local major league baseball clubs are expected to break camp pretty soon, heading north for the gala season opener. Showing signs of ball-playing weariness, Tulsa's mighty baseball machine divided their two games week-end card as they crushed a weak-playing Royal Engineer nine, in a Saturday afternoon confab, to the sweet tune of 25-0, behind the charmed hurling of Babe Strickland, but took a bad 10-4 loss as the H.B. Beermen slugged home with their second straight pre-season win.

Truelight's student softball lassies took a clean-cut 8-5 win from Dixie Walker's depleted Redbird Cardinals, at the mid-level Stubbs Road ball park. It was the second straight triumph garnered by the schoolgirls since their baptism into local softball circles.

The Maple Leaf Canuckettes took a one game lead in their classic series against Eddie Marquess' Standard Oilers with a 14-10 win over the Oil "seniors" at the Lai Chi Kok fairways in a weekend picnic fricas.

STAGING a tremendous run-scoring uprising against the weak-willed Engineers, manager Dave Usher's mighty Tulsa diamond aces played "scorching earth" ball to crash home with a colossal 25 run merry-go-round. Uncle Sam's new dealers took a ball busting eight tally lead in the 1st frame on seven solid blows to send Supper hurler Raddy Radcliffe rushing to the well-known showers.

Paced by Gerry "ace base ump" Germonto's circuit labelled clout in the 6th, a stinging triple by Memphis Bill Terry in the 3rd stanza and three driving doubles, the American ball artists cashed in with powerful tallies in all but the 2nd inning, connecting for a grand slam 17 hit barrage.

Moundsman Babe Strickland tossed a deceptive game from the sailor slab, using a fast change of pace and a variety of "covered up" hooks, to limit the Hamelin hoosiers to a solitary bingle—a slow roller between first and second by cyclone Taylor.

Sapper manager Luke "hot potato" Hamelin worked Raddy Radcliffe, Mickey Heath and Sarsfield on the hilllock in a desperate bid to silence Tulsa's murderous row. The Engineers played loose diamond-shagging ball and were chalked up with eleven bad mis-cues in the rout.

SHOWING SIGNS of spring training weariness, the battling seamen from across the broad expanse, took a 10-4 Sunday morning defeat, as H.B.'s galloping brewers played inspired ball to cruise in with their second straight unofficial victory.

The beermen opened up with a bang in the initial stanza, and pushed across three markers on a

Week-end Stars

Maxie Maxwell and "Memphis" Bill Terry, Tulsa—Former led the terrific Tulsa attack against the Sappers with four solid bingles and crossed the platter with five tallies; latter came through in the pinches to drive in five teammates.

Dave Leonard and Maden Arculli, H.B. Beer—Dave came into his own to lead a brewery uprising with three timely singles to drive in three runs; latter hurled smart ball in his first appearance of the season to set the mighty T down with seven scattered bingles.

Margery Woo and Wun May-yuk, Truelight—Margery connected for a homer and a double to lead the school-girls batting attack, latter made a neat nab at left field to stop a dangerous Card threat.

Mary Ng and Mavis Chang, Canuckettes—Deceptive Mary shone like a brilliant star, on the slab with a neat tossing game in subduing the Oiler slugging threat; petite Mavis covered the centre-field spot in "Ben Chapman" style, whizzing around in whippet fashion to give a starry display in the Maple Leaf win.

Major Baseball

Chicago Cubs Tounce Tigers 14-1

NEW YORK, May 19 (UP).—Chicago Cubs came through with the outstanding win today, beating Brooklyn Tigers 14-1 in the National League.

Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE		R	H	E
Brooklyn	Casey, Brown, Hamlin, Tamm, Owen, Phelps	1	4	2
Chicago	Baskaus, McCullough, George	14	14	2
New York	Hubbell, Danning	1	4	0
Pittsburgh	Buicher, Lopez	2	6	1

AMERICAN LEAGUE		R	H	E
Cleveland	Batters: Milner, Brown, Hemslar, Philadelphia	4	9	1
Philadelphia	Batters: McCrabb, Hayes	9	12	3
St. Louis	Batters: Gaichouse, Ferrell	5	8	0
Washington	Batters: Russo, Perk, Stancu, Dickey	1	4	2
Detroit	Batters: Gornick, Tobolski	4	10	0
Boston	Batters: Dobson, Harris, Judd, Peacock	2	4	2
Chicago	Batters: Smith, Trenn	8	9	2
Washington	Batters: Kennedy, Masterson, Evans	2	10	1

The mighty T pulled off a screwball double play in the 4th with the bags loaded, when beerman Baby Abbas, in ducking from one of MacLennan's fast balls, unintentionally hit out a "back side" slow roller to Tulsa's slasher who started an easy double killing via McLennan to Red Simmons to Gerry Germonto.

Maden Arculli, H.B. brewery's premier moundsman, in his first appearance of the year, dished up a masterful hurling performance in holding the dangerous Tulsamen to seven scattered bingles and striking out six.

Happy Valley Golf Matches Week-End Results

Results in the Adamson Cup Golf competition played during the week-end were:

First round—W. Stoker (15) beat G. W. Nevee (11) 5 and 4; A. E. Clarke (11) beat S. T. Butler 1 hole.

Semi-final—Stoker beat G. E. Willerton (12) 3 and 2; Clarke beat F. Buckle (12) 4 and 3.

Junior Title

First round results of the Junior Section—Chun-chung, 1 hole; W. J. Butler beat A. L. Powell; W. V. Ahern beat R. M. Keown; J. Young beat D. W. Becken; H. Smith beat T. B. Low.

The Stableford Competition was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

Hoax Report Resignations From Soccer Committee Denied

We are asked to state that there is no truth in the report, appearing in our issue of yesterday to the effect that Mr. Hugh A. Beard, Chairman, and Mr. D. Kossick, Civilian Representative, have resigned from the Committee of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association.

Both are still keenly interested in the game of Association Football and the welfare of Referees. They state that they have no intention of withdrawing their support from the Association and are at a complete loss to understand what gave rise to the false report.

The only alteration in the constitution of the Committee of the H.K.F.R.A. since the last general meeting is Mr. W. H. Foster, who has taken the place of Mr. M. Milnhan as Army Representative, the latter having left the Colony.

The usual routine committee meeting is not due to take place until Thursday of this week.

The report was received over the telephone from a seemingly authentic source, but appears to have been a deliberate hoax. The inconvenience caused to Mr. Beard and Mr. Kossick is much regretted.



Dave Leonard (H. B. Brewery) one of the victims of the double play by the Tulsa in Sunday's baseball game at Caroline Hill. Catcher Simmons ready to throw for the second victim.—Ming Yuen.

League Tennis

K.C.C. Defeats Wah Yan Assn Athletic Meet On Sunday

The Wah Yan Past Students' Association will hold its fourth annual sports meeting at Caroline Hill on Sunday at 10.30 a.m. The programme includes an open 400 metres relay. The tug of war and football match between past and the present boys will constitute the highlights of the meeting.

The prizes have been donated by patrons and Council members. Mr. Lim Hoi Lan, Headmaster of Wah Yan College, Kowloon, will distribute the prizes.

Entries will be received by Mr. Tam Sik Poon, China Ink & Lacquer Co. Ltd., Shell House.

Programme

The programme is: Long Jump, 50 metres, 100 metres, Shot Put, High Jump.

Little Visitors Race, 50 metres race (for women workers of the Wah Yan War Relief Association), A Grade 200 metres, Obstacle race.

Tug of War, Old Boys v. Present Boys, Football Match (Old Boys v. Present Boys), 400 metres relay (Open to the Colony).

Home Soccer Fixtures For May 24

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures for Saturday, May 24:

LONDON CUP

Millwall v. Arsenal.

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Aldershot v. Crystal Palace; Brentford v. Reading; Cardiff City v. Portsmouth; Fulham v. Southampton; Tottenham v. Leicester; Walsall v. Nottingham Forest; Watford v. Queen's Park Rangers; Westham v. Chelsea.

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Blackpool v. Preston North End; Everton v. Sheffield United; Manchester City v. Bolton Wanderers; York City v. Middlesbrough.

REGIONAL MATCH

Chesterfield v. Stoke City.

"B" Division Matches

The following is to-day's programme of "B" Division matches:

C.R.C. v. Army T.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. C.S.C.C.
S.C.A.A. v. K. Tong

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 31st May, and Monday, 2nd June, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 22nd May, 1941.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

H.K.C.C. In "A" Division Only Scheduled Game

LEAGUE TENNIS made its start yesterday when only one of the three scheduled "A" Division matches was played. The Hongkong Cricket Club lost to the Kowloon Cricket Club 3-5 one game being unfinished.

L. Goldman, who has just returned from leave, and M. Pugh, the Club champion, were far and away the best pair on the courts. In winning all three games—the only ones that Club claimed—they conceded but five games.

Kowloon were without the services of E. C. Fincher due to Volunteer work, but were, nevertheless, strong enough to beat the remaining two H.K.C.C. pairs in all five games that were completed.

The unfinished game was that of T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould against G. C. Burnett and A. Crawford. Monaghan and Gould were leading 5-2 when the former had the misfortune to break his spectacles.

Scores were:
L. Goldman and M. Pugh (H.K.C.C.) beat E. F. Fincher and F. Kengelbacher, 6-1; beat A. E. P. Guest and F. Grose, 6-2; beat A. Crawford and G. C. Burnett, 6-2.
T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (H.K.C.C.) lost to E. C. Fincher and G. C. Burnett, 5-3; lost to Gould and Grose, 5-2; lost to Burnett and Crawford, 5-2.
H. R. Oulade and A. H. Barwell (H.K.C.C.) lost to Fincher and Kengelbacher, 6-2; lost to Guest and Grose, 6-2; lost to Burnett and Crawford, 6-3.

To-day's Team

K.C.C. team to play Civil Service in the B Division at King's Park today is—A. E. P. Guest and F. Grose, F. Zimmerman and R. T. Broadbridge, N. A. E. Mackay and R. S. Capell.

Alumni Assn Beat University

A friendly Tennis match between Hongkong University undergraduates and Hongkong University Alumni Association was played on Sunday and resulted in a win for the latter by nine points to seven.

Scores were:
Lee Chew-kuen and Cheah Chong-keo (University) lost to Lu Tak-chau and Lu Tak-lam, 6-2; lost to Lee Hah-long and Tsai Ah-lee, 6-2; lost to Yu Ping-shau and Mok Yon-chun, 6-3; drew with A. M. Rodrigues and Lo Tung-fan, 6-6.
Hui Peng-kwan and S. M. To (University) lost to Yu and Lu, 6-2; lost to Lee and Tsai, 6-2; lost to Yu and Mok, 6-2; lost to Rodrigues and Lo, 6-2.
Kenneth Lo and Ling Sing-hang (University) beat Yu and Lu, 6-2; lost to Lee and Tsai, 6-4; beat Yu and Mok, 6-3; beat Rodrigues and Lo, 6-4.
George Chao and Ong Hing-pitt (University) drew with Yu and Lu, 6-6; beat Lee and Tsai, 6-4; beat Yu and Mok, 6-1; beat Rodrigues and Lo, 6-2.

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Walker's winsome maidens tied up the game in the 5th, but another three run spree which climaxed with a circuit clout by outfielder Wan May-yuk in the 6th frame put the game on ice for the schoolgirls.

Hurler Dolly Brown, toiling the slab for the first time in a Cardinal uniform, had plenty of smoke oozing out from her speed balls and with a little more experience will be a top flight hurler out there next season.

Student Margery Woo glittered again behind the plate with her rapid-fire throws to second and her powerful clutch clubbing, which just about stamps her as one of the Colony's standout softballettes and a real find of the year.

THE Maple Leaf Canuckettes went one up on Eddie Marquess' Standard Oilers with a 14-10 picnic triumph at the softball fairways by the sea.

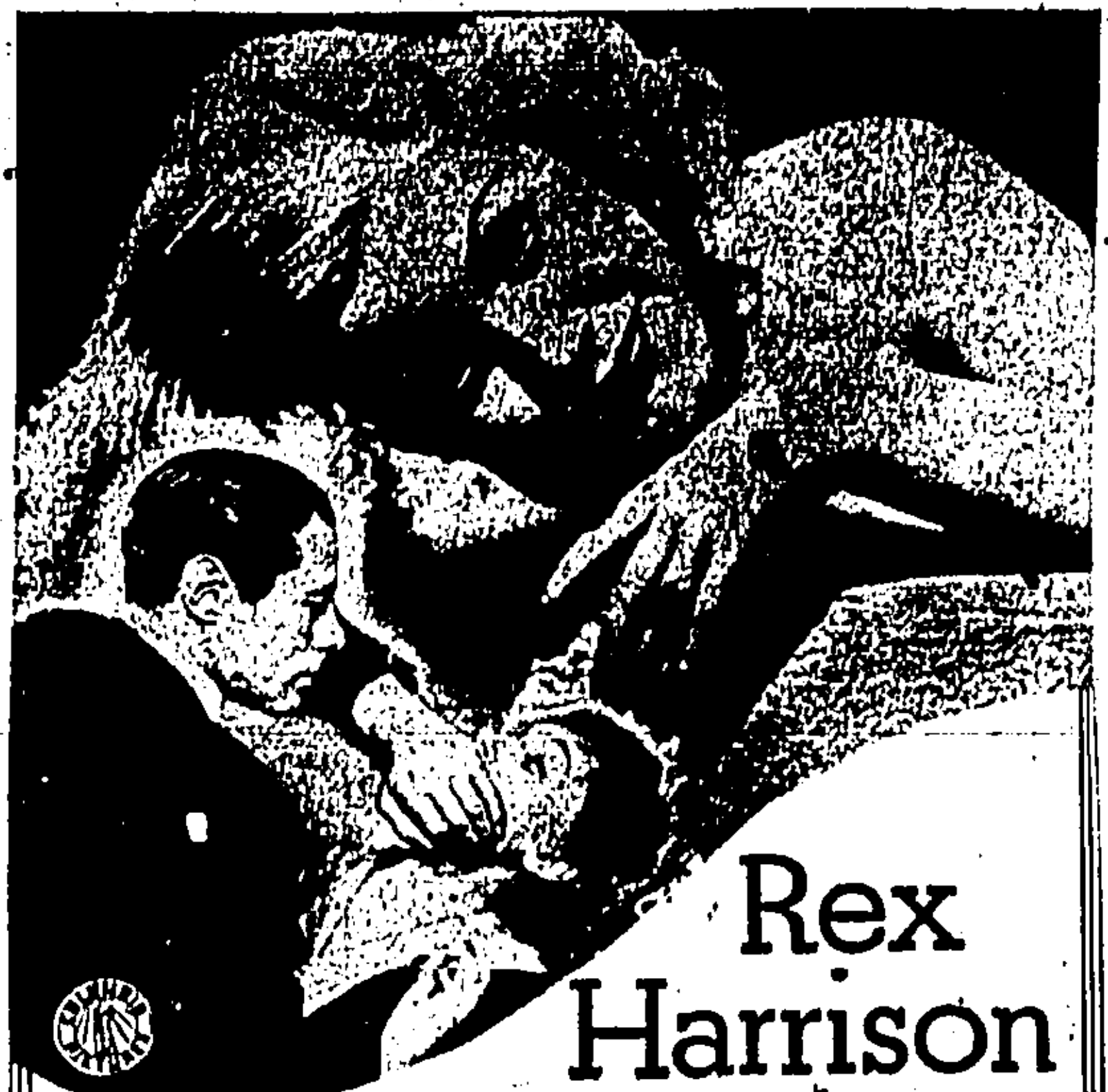
Going into the 4th inning on the short end of an 8-5 score, the lassies gathered together nine slinging tallies in the next three frames to come through with their "one up" win.

Base umpire Gerry "who dai man" Germonto showed the gas-house mob a few neat ones in calling them, out there by the hot sack, and certainly added plenty of lustre in this femmes vs. hommes classic.

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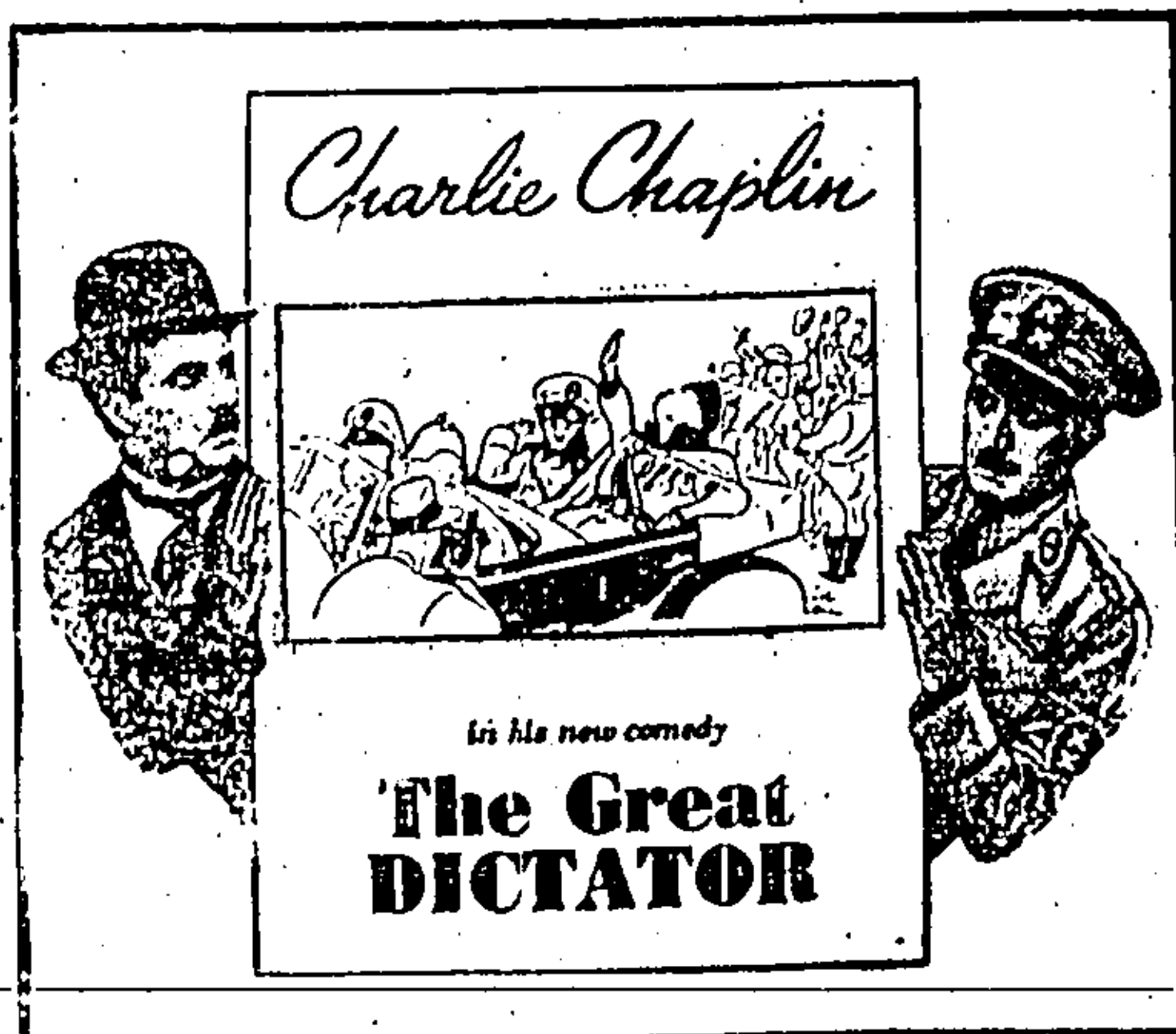
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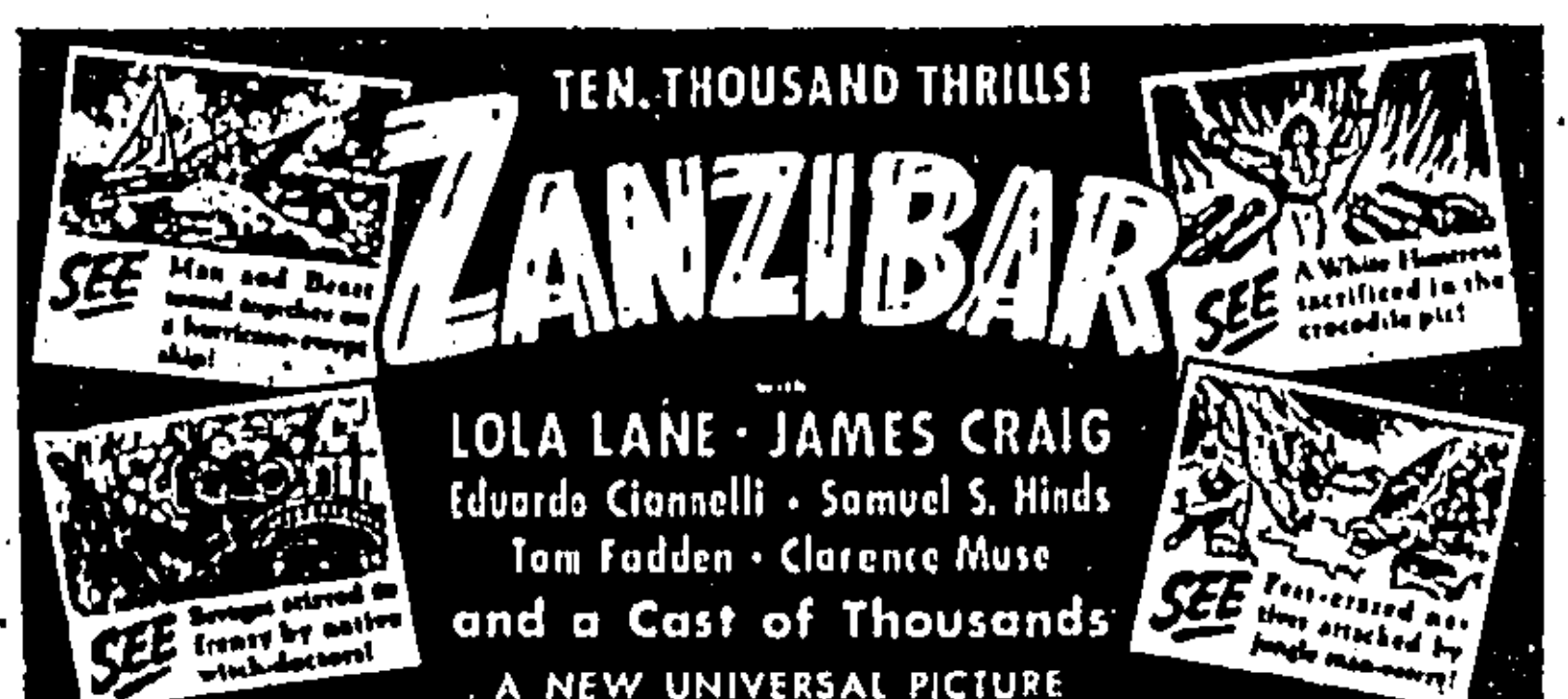
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U.S. Move To Buy French Possessions

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—According to press reports from Washington, the Republican Congressman, Francis Case, has introduced a Bill in the House of Representatives whereby Mr Cordell Hull will be authorised to negotiate for the acquisition of French possessions in the Western Hemisphere and such ships, aeroplanes, and cargoes as France wishes to sell.

The cost will be paid from the \$2,000,000,000 Stabilisation Fund.

Fairly Quiet Over Britain

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Only a few hostile aircraft were reported over Britain, mostly over the coastal districts, up to a late hour to-night. It appeared unlikely that a large-scale attack would develop anywhere.

Thai Luncheon

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—In honour of the Thai Minister in London, a luncheon was given to-day by Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

The guests included Lord Cranborne, the Dominions Secretary, Lady Ravensdale, Sir Horace Seymour, General Sir Sydney Muspratt, Mr and Mrs Ashley Clarke and Mr Henry Channon.

PRINCE KONOYE MAY BE OUSTED BY MATSUOKA

SHANGHAI, May 19 (International).—Rumours are again current here that the position of Premier Fuminaro Konoze is precarious. An earlier report said that the Foreign Minister, Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, might succeed Konoze as premier.

Much seems to depend on the Japanese offensive new under way in Chekiang, Fukien, Hupeh, Honan, Shansi and Kwangtung. Japanese successes in all these sectors appeared to have been stalemated, although the primary objective is to destroy Chinese forces.

STOCK EXCHANGE Turnover Is Small

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, the turnover was small with price movements confined to narrow limits.

Gilt-edged stocks were easier on a switchover of interest towards the London War Savings Campaign.

Foreign bonds were steady except Spanish 4 per cent, which lost two and a half points to 22½.

Home rails recorded useful gains.

Industrials were featured by improvements in iron and steel stocks, shipping and textiles. Among the textiles, cotton spinners were firm on payment of the year's dividend of 2 per cent, on deferred shares.

Wall Street was dull but steady.

U.S. Seeks French Possessions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—Representative Francis Case introduced a bill before the House to-day authorising the Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull, to negotiate for the acquisition of French possessions in the Western Hemisphere and such ships, aeroplanes and cargoes as France wants to sell. The cost would come from the \$2,000,000,000 stabilisation fund.

French Complain
BERLIN, May 19 (UP).—The official news agency reports from Vichy that the French Ambassador at Washington M. Henry-Haye has protested to the United States Government over the confiscation of French ships in American harbours.

No Consultations
WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—Mr Cordell Hull told a press conference to-day that no consultations were proceeding with other American republics regarding the question of occupying French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

The Secretary of State added that despite the critical views here regarding Vichy's "collaboration" with Germany, the United States was keeping in mind that Martinique might need foodstuffs and other supplies.

Proposal To House
WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—Representative Case proposed to the House that the State Department be permitted to negotiate with France for the acquisition of Martinique, Guadeloupe, St Pierre and Miquelon, French Guiana, and "such ships, aeroplanes and cargoes as the French Government cares to sell."

BILL PASSED

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—The House to-day passed the Philippines export control bill and sent it to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature.

Naval Auxiliaries For U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives has passed and transmitted to the Senate a Bill authorising the construction of 88 naval auxiliaries totalling 550,000 tons at an estimated cost of \$500,000,000.

LETTERS

Import and Export Licence Puzzle

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—There are many questions which I would like to ask and would appreciate answers (if any):

(a) Why is it that some Export Licences are held back for over a period of sometimes a week, when others, which are for the same destination, are signed on the same day? Maybe the staff could enlighten us.

(b) Why is it that they refuse to give an explanation why some Licences are refused? Haven't we got a right to know? Aren't we taxpayers entitled?

(c) Why don't they employ competent men who know right away the nature of the application without enquiring from the Exporters, (after a delay of five or six days, whether intentional or not, I do not know).

(d) Why do they insist on exact date of departure of the steamers when they know that it is against the Regulations for any shipping company to impart such information?

(e) Why do they insist on any applications for alteration in the Licence Form to be made within 7 days from the date of applications when they do not return same till 10 or 12 days later?

(f) Why do Civil Servants insist on being incivill?

EASY MONEY.

Surrender Of Duke Of Aosta

FROM PAGE ONE

the Jimma and Lake district to escape has thereby been cut off unless they take to the bush.

However, the Italians now have a particular version to the bush owing to terror of the patriot forces, who are now lurking there.

Nevertheless, this district is nearly the size of England and it may take some time to crush the enemy's resistance unless they follow the Viceroy's example and throw up the sponge.

Gondar Area

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—Units of the Sudan Defence Force have occupied an important sector in the Gondar area and in South Abyssinia have captured an important road junction.

Eight hundred prisoners were taken, including colonels and staff officers.

Position In Libya

In Libya, there is no change at Tobruk while the situation in Basra and Habbaniyah remains unchanged. The south of Sallum, a few enemy columns supported by tanks, crossed the frontier, but were driven back.

Duke of Aosta

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Duke of Aosta himself will surrender at noon to-morrow with his staff officers.

Duce Consulted

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Duke of Aosta and Mussolini exchanged messages before the surrender of Amba Alagi.

The Duke, after showing that surrender was no longer avoidable, said, according to the Rome radio: "I am comforted in this tragic and sad moment with the certainty of having done all that is humanly possible. But the war is not finished. Soon we shall return to these lands, once more drenched with Italian blood for the glory of our country."

The Duce replied: "We and your soldiers have fought heroically. The Italian people have followed your stand—with admiration—and share your certainty for the future."

Miners' Strike Ended

NEW YORK, May 19 (Reuter).—As the result of a tentative agreement on wages and hours between coal-owners and anthracite miners, the miners have been granted a wage increase and the strike has ended.

Railways Agitation

CHICAGO, May 19 (Reuter).—Labour agitation for wage increases has now spread to the railways. Representatives of five big Railwaymen's Unions, involving 350,000 workers, announced that they are demanding a 20 per cent increase in wages and are launching a country-wide campaign.

Notice of the demand for an increase will be served on the railways on June 10.

MR R. G. MENZIES

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, is returning to Australia to-day by air from the United States.

Sikorski Returns

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister, returned to England to-day, having flown across the Atlantic in an American bomber piloted by Canadian officers and landing in Scotland.

He will call on Mr Winston Churchill.

More Mobilization

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day called into active service eight more National Guard aviation squadrons, as well as infantry and coast artillery battalions.

Tallulah Bankhead And Husband Part

Tallulah Bankhead, former West End actress and daughter of the late Senator Bankhead, has announced from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, that she and her actor-husband, John Emery, have decided, "after long and conscientious thought," to separate.

They were married on August 31, 1937.

Japanese In Axis Intrigues

Leaflets on Damascus

LONDON, May 19 (Central News).—A sensational story of how Japan assists Axis intrigues in the Middle East is reported in the "News-Chronicle" by Gedyce, well-known ex-"Daily Telegraph" correspondent in Central Europe.

In Goebbels' intrigues throughout the Moslem countries Gedyce revealed that the Japanese Consul at Beirut who is a Japanese Moslem graduate of famous Al-Azhar University, Cairo, and who speaks fluent Arabic, has been assiduously distributing propaganda urging "Asia for the Asians" and "expel the white man".

Japanese everywhere, Gedyce alleged, allow German and Italian espionage organisations to use the Japanese diplomatic bags wherever the Axis Consulates no longer open.

Workers Share In Wakefield Fortune

Lord Wakefield, who died in January, aged 81, left £770,220 (net personality £501,220). Estate Duty is £250,738.

In his will, Lord Wakefield, who was head of one of the biggest oil refinery businesses in the world, makes bequests to his staff.

To those of 10 years' service not included in any pension scheme he left one year's wages, and one month's wages to those of one year's service.

He also left £30,000 on trust for his adopted daughter Freda Ware and her children.

It is estimated that he gave more than £1,000,000 to charities during his life.

Navy Employs Witch Doctor

The Fleet Air Arm, at the cost of 4/- and two empty lemonade bottles, bought "Ju-ju" from an African witch doctor, which successfully stopped mysterious thefts of wind socks used on an African airfield which they occupied.

The official report says: "The ju-ju consisted of a bunch of chickens feathers well soaked in chicken blood and held together by strips of snake skin. The witch doctor buried it at the foot of the wind sock to enable the curse of the ju-ju—a black snake—to emerge and attack any prospective thief. Before the installation of the ju-ju no wind sock ever remained in situ for more than 48 hours. After its application the wind sock was untouched."

£21,000 Hold-Up At Paris Bank

In a hold-up recently outside the Banque de France in the heart of Paris a gang of thieves got away with 3,700,000 francs (about £21,000 at pre-war rates).

Three bank messengers were taking the money in a handcart from the Credit Industriel et Commercial to the Bank in the narrow Rue des Victoires.

The bandits killed one of the messengers and wounded another.

As they could not open the handcart they hatched it on to the back of their car and, firing in all directions, made a clean get-away, towing the handcart.

Bratza, Violinist, Married

Miss Margaret Mary Russell, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Russell, of Killowen, was married at Epsom recently to Mr M. Bratza Xvanovitch, better known as Bratza, the violinist.

The bride is an A.R.P. ambulance driver at Hendon, and the bridegroom an air raid warden at Mill Hill, where he lives with his mother.

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What Englishmen Are Paying In Taxes

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Financial Secretary of the Treasury stated to-day that the total increase in taxation since the autumn of last year involved £700,000,000.

He was addressing the London Chamber of Commerce.

No U. S. Volunteers Coming To China

CHUNGKING, May 19 (Reuter).—Brigadier-General Clegg, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Air Force in the Philippines, who is at present in Chungking, has denied any knowledge that American volunteers are coming to China to join the air force.

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Special to the "Telegraph"
WASHINGTON, MAY 19 (UP).—THE MARQUIS D'AGUIAR, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SPANISH CATHOLIC AND ROYALIST PARTIES IN THE UNITED STATES, TO-DAY REVEALED THAT TWO GERMAN PANZER DIVISIONS HAD CROSSED FROM SPAIN EN ROUTE TO TUNISIA AND LIBYA, AND THAT SHIPLOADS OF ARMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO MEXICO AND CHILE.

SYRIAN BAIT Ibn Saud's Help Solicited

VICHY, May 19 (Reuter).—Raschid Ali's Finance Minister has already had two interviews with King Ibn Saud and has extended his stay in Saudi Arabia by 48 hours, according to a Baghdad message.

Evacuation
JERUSALEM, May 19 (Reuter).—The evacuation of Syria and Lebanon by British, Americans and Palestinians on the advice of their consuls is reported in a dispatch to the Independent French Agency. The mining of the road from Beirut to Northern Palestine is reported but not confirmed.

Leaflets on Damascus
BEIRUT, May 19 (UP).—The British to-day bombed the aerodrome at Palmyra and dropped leaflets on Aleppo, Damascus and Deir ez-Zor. The British Consul General, Mr. G. T. Havard is leaving on Wednesday as a result of Britain's request for the withdrawal of the French Consul General at London. The Vice-Consuls at Beirut and Damascus are remaining.

Protective Measures
MADRID, May 19 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of "Alcazar" reports that it is not expected in Berlin that the Vichy Government will take reprisals for the British bombing of Syrian aerodromes though it is felt that Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan are studying what are termed "protective measures."

Chinese Military Mission

SINGAPORE, May 19 (Reuter).—The Chinese Military Mission, which has been on a visit here, is returning to Chungking "fortified with a knowledge of the immense strength and military preparedness of Malaya," declared a member of the Mission in a farewell broadcast to-day. The Mission has just completed a two weeks' tour during which it visited many centres of military importance. This tour, the spokesman added, has enabled them to understand the real strength of Malaya. "We are happy in the knowledge that we have a strong friend here in this part of the world," he concluded.

Joint Nazi-Soviet Action In Middle East Hinted

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Soviet Army began its spring manoeuvres with a considerable concentration of troops in the region of Tashkent, near the frontier of Iran, according to a dispatch by the "New York Times." Ankara correspondent, Sulzburger, quoted by the Ankara radio to-night.

Sulzburger cites diplomatic reports in Ankara as indicating that Russia and Germany "would appear to be arranging some sort of joint action in the Middle East" and specifically mentions reports of negotiations for use by Germany of Russian ships on the Black Sea to transport war materials to Russian ports for transit to Iran and Iraq.

He also declared that twelve German divisions have been in Spain since November last, ready to act in Morocco when the time was auspicious, the move being dependent upon a French-Axis agreement.

The Marquis also asserted that in October, 1938, Spain agreed to enter the war but the plan was changed last September when Spain was instructed to remain neutral and to get everything possible from the United States and Britain.

Mystery Of Nazi Freighter

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—The mystery of the whereabouts of the German freighter Lech, 3,290 tons, which left Rio de Janeiro on April 28, has deepened following a report made by an officer of the Brazilian vessel Pirangy.

When the Pirangy arrived at Rio on Monday, an officer, who was on the bridge on the night of May 4, declared that off Abrolhos, south of Bahia, he saw several ship's boats in which the sailors made signals with lights.

The officer was unable to identify the boats. On the same night, the wireless operator of the Pirangy deciphered an S.O.S. from the German freighter Lech, addressed to Bahia radio station.

It is recalled that reports circulating a fortnight ago asserted that the Lech had been intercepted by a British auxiliary off Bahia and had scuttled herself.

These reports were not substantiated.

China Seeks More Arms By Barter
CHUNGKING, May 15 (International).—It was revealed here that on the night of May 15, Dr. H. H. Kung, the Finance Minister, called on Mr. Alexander S. Panouchkine, the Soviet Ambassador, with a view to seeking further Soviet war materials by extending the present barter agreements.

An agreement was reached in principle between the two parties, although the Soviet Ambassador has to refer the matter to Moscow. With the arrival of a large shipment of Soviet war materials and warplanes last month, more such assistance is sought.

Sino-Soviet relations are very cordial, being unaffected by the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Treaty.

Thereafter, Germany "peacefully" invaded Spain and put military forces in the Canary Islands and Spain's African possessions.

The Marquis d'Aguiar stated that he had advised the State Department that he had been informed that Germany now represented any Spanish Consulate or Legation in the Americas, and that this move had been taken for the purpose of combating Pan-Americanism.

Vichy-Nazi Accord

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—"Franco-German negotiations continue to make satisfactory progress," it is officially announced in Vichy, according to the German news agency.

Permission to enter the occupied northern and western areas is to be granted to officials and leaders of industrial and agricultural concerns provided that their presence is essential for administrative and economic purposes.

A scheme for the repatriation of certain categories of prisoners of war is at present under consideration.

De Gaulle Replies
LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Complete disavowal of the "agreements" between the Vichy Government and Germany is contained in a declaration by General de Gaulle to the British Government and the chiefs of the Allied Governments in London.

"It states that the Vichy 'Government' has placed itself in a position which deprives itself of all independence with regard to the invader.

The source of the Vichy go-called government lies exclusively in the person of an old man who, for many years, has been known to be enfeebled by age.

A Belligerent State
The declaration continues: "Firstly, France cannot and must not be held responsible for acts supposedly committed in her name by rulers who usurped power and subjected themselves to the enemy."

"Secondly, the French nation is continuing the war by means of all her military forces and territories outside enemy control and should, therefore, be considered a belligerent nation by all states and as an ally by those who fight the common enemies."

Surrender of Duke of Aosta: Its Effect on British Cause

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The collapse of Italian resistance at Amba Alagi and the surrender of the Duke of Aosta mean the practical termination of the Abyssinian campaign.

"Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent learns that there are still a few scattered pockets where small bodies of Italians are holding out, but their power of offensive has been completely broken and they can be safely left to be dealt with at leisure by the patriot forces.

SINKING OF THE ZAMZAM

Many Americans Aboard

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—Officials are anxiously awaiting official reports regarding the steamer Zamzam, which not only reported the loss of American lives, but also that the action apparently occurred on the South Atlantic route which has been regarded as safe for neutral traffic.

The route of the Zamzam is the same as will be followed by United States freighters assigned to the task of taking supplies to Egypt. Germany declared the Red Sea a combat zone but the United States does not recognise such designation.

Missionaries Aboard
NEW YORK, May 19 (UP).—The Zamzam carried 19 missionaries representing the Africa Inland Mission, an inter-denominational organization and also nine Seventh Day Adventists with one infant, as well as several French Oblate Fathers from Montreal. It is believed that Mr. Charles J. F. Murphy of "Fortune" magazine and Mr. David Scherman, "Life" magazine photographer, several businessmen and the wife of an R.A.F. pilot with her child were aboard.

142 Americans
The Thomas Cook Travel Agency stated that 142 Americans were among the 202 passengers comprising 23 Canadians, 28 British, four Belgians, two Greeks, one Italian and one Frenchman.

Canadians Aboard
TORONTO, May 19 (Reuter).—It is declared here that at least 23 Canadians were aboard the Egyptian steamer Zamzam, which was lost while carrying a British-American Ambulance unit across the Atlantic.

Soviet Forms Home Guard

MOSCOW, May 19 (Reuter).—The Soviet Union, which originated the technique of parachute soldiers, has taken a leaf out of Britain's defence book in co-opting civilian defence against this new form of warfare.

The Soviet radio stated to-day that 13,000 miners were among a large number of citizens who took part in defence exercises in the important industrial centre of Staling (formerly Hughesobka).

Roosevelt and Congress

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—A very high authority disclosed to-day that President Roosevelt is considering a special message to Congress regarding the international situation and the report will possibly declare a full emergency to exist. The President met the legislative leaders this morning for the first time in three weeks, indicating that he "might" send a special message on the war developments as they affect the United States and possibly recommending new Congressional action. If he decides on a message to Congress, it will be sent shortly. The President read from a document on his desk but it could not be determined whether or not it was a draft of the message.

Non-Stop Action By R.A.F. Over The Middle East

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—A large formation of R.A.F. and South African aircraft carried out attacks on enemy tanks between Fort Capuzzo and Halfaya yesterday, according to an R.A.F. communique.

A number of tanks were put out of action and serious damage was inflicted on many more transport vehicles. British fighters made extensive patrols but no decisive engagements with the enemy resulted.

North Africa
During the night of Friday-Saturday, aerodromes at Menastir and Birchleta were raided. Benghazi and Derna were also attacked on the following night by British bombers.

Full details of these operations are not yet available but it is known that considerable damage was caused. During operations over Tobruk yesterday, three German dive-bombers were shot down by A.A. fire.

In Abyssinia
In Abyssinia, British aircraft continue to assist the troops in mopping-up operations. Attacks were mainly confined to enemy motor transport retreating along the roads.

Syria
In Syria, bombing attacks made were on Palmyra aerodrome, where one large German transport aircraft and one Heinkel-III were destroyed by fire. German aircraft on Damascus aerodrome and Rayak were also bombed and machine-gunned. Raids were also made on Raschid aerodrome in Iraq.

Island of Rhodes
A number of fires were started at Calato aerodrome on the island of Rhodes as the result of a raid carried out on Saturday night.

Crete Attacked
During enemy attacks on Allied aerodromes in Crete, one Dornier 17 and another unidentified aircraft were shot down by A.A. guns. From all these operations, one aircraft is missing.

Enemy Over Cyprus
NICOSIA, May 19 (Reuter).—An enemy reconnaissance aeroplane appeared over Cyprus this afternoon and remained 50 minutes, according to an official announcement. No bombs were dropped.

Australia's War Loan Sold Out

CANBERRA, May 19 (Reuter).—Following a last-minute rush, Australia's £35,000,000 War Loan closed to-day having been over-subscribed, the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. A. W. Fadden) estimates by £750,000. The result is considered extremely gratifying, particularly the fact that the number of subscribers was more than double that of the last loan.

Empire Air Scheme
MELBOURNE, May 19 (Reuter).—The Air Minister, Mr. K. McEwen, declared that Australia was entirely abreast of the extra commitments under the Empire Air Scheme and was remedying any lag in personnel quickly. Mr. McEwen recalled that it had been officially announced a few days ago that many Australian Air Force squadrons were being formed for service in the theatres of war overseas.

British Reach Cyprus From Greek Front

NICOSIA, May 19 (Reuter).—It is now possible to reveal that a party of Imperial troops who were the remnants of the historic rearguard at Mount Olympus, in rags, some of them ill and wounded, have reached the shores of Cyprus after the most astonishing escapes among the Greek Aegean islands.

They tell stories of desperate resistance against impossible odds when Nazi planes, tanks and infantry in massed assaults tried to smash their line. One Anzac said: "The Germans came on the line like men possessed, determined to be slaughtered. We mowed them down like flies. One river, where we made a stand, was so choked with German bodies that you could walk across."

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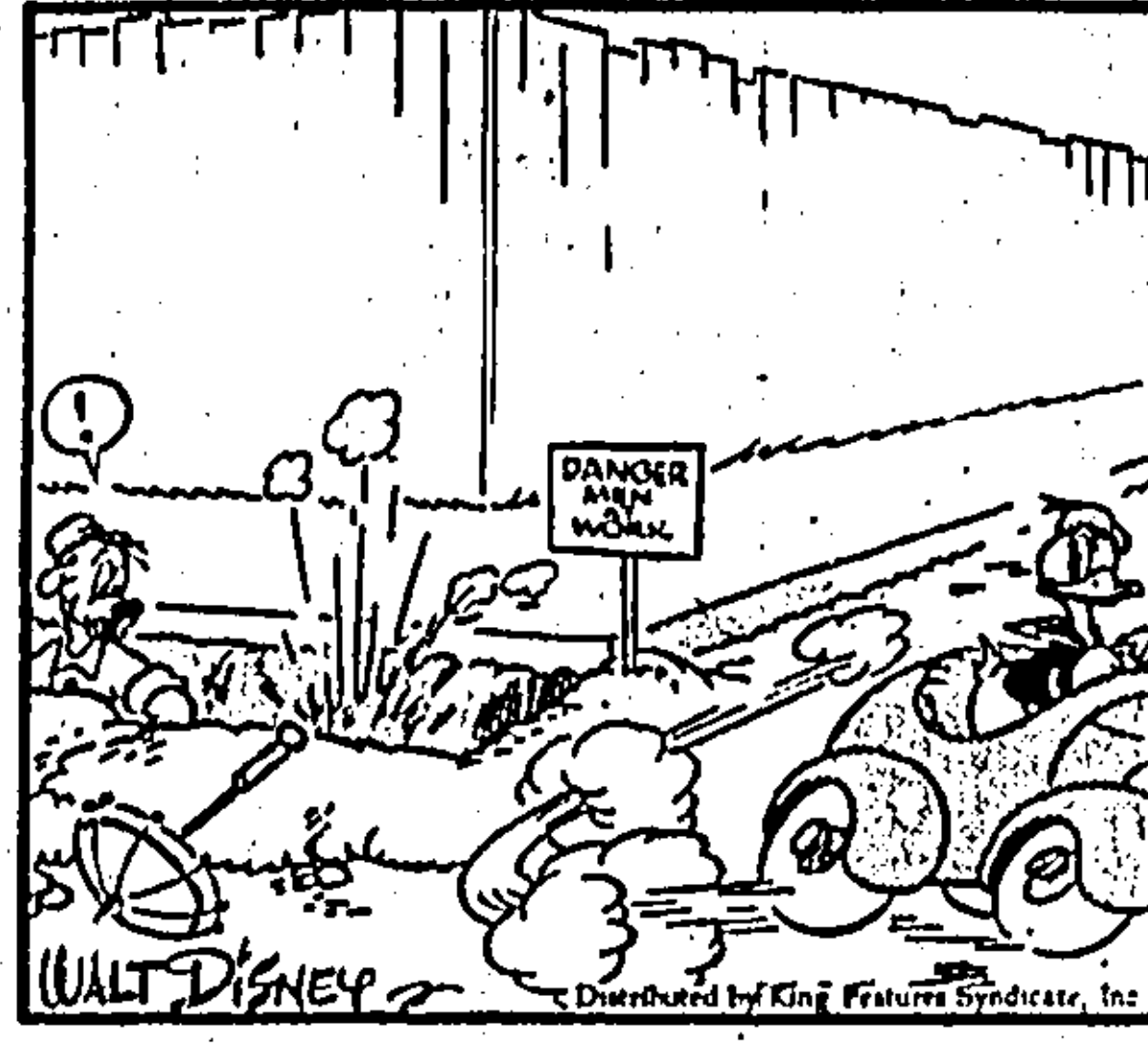
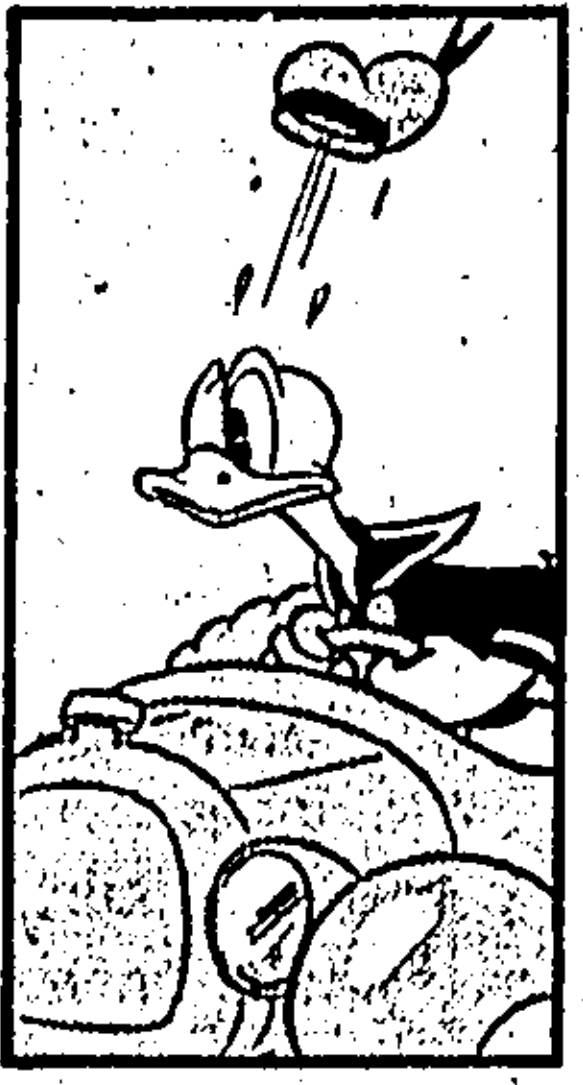
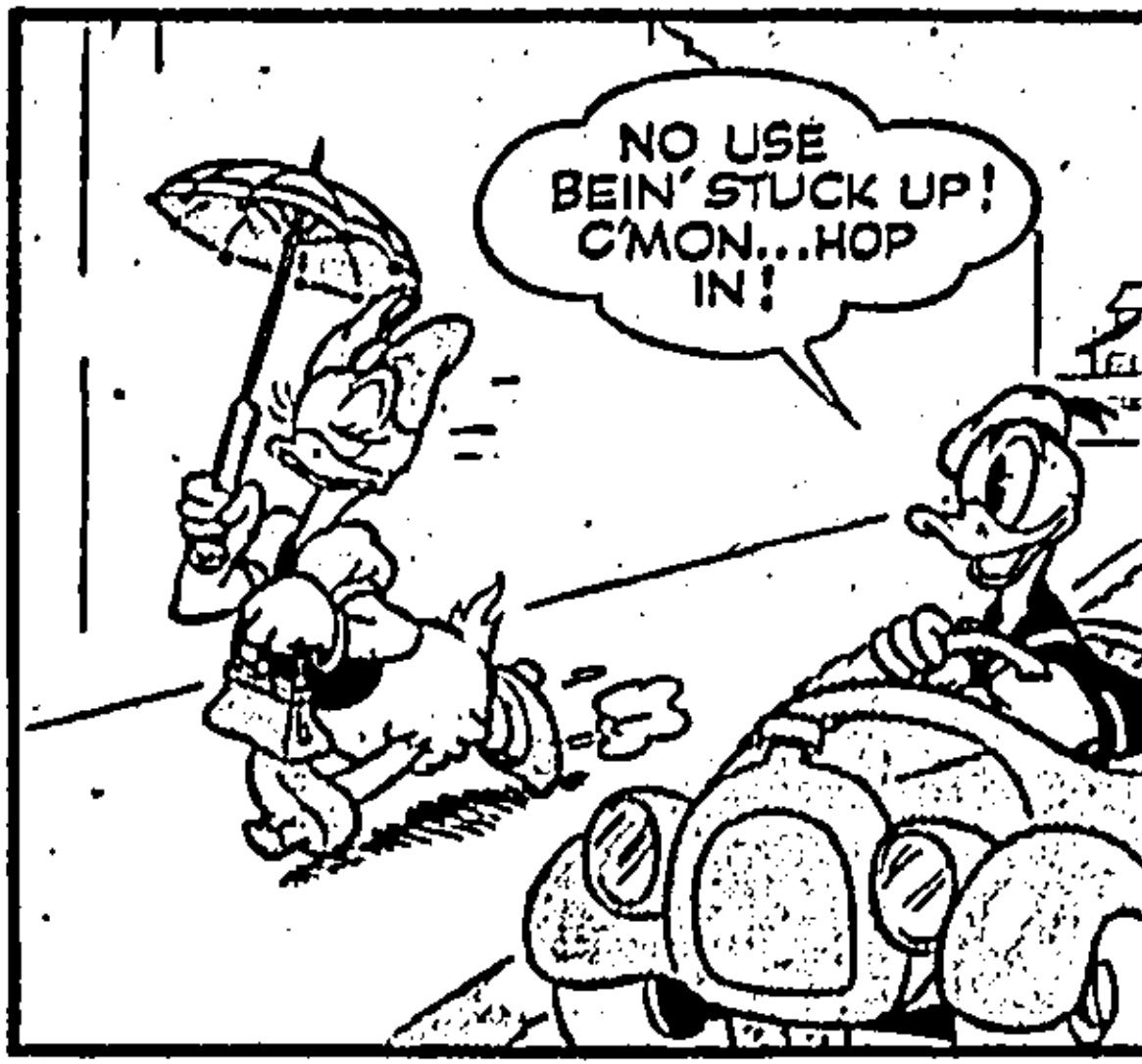
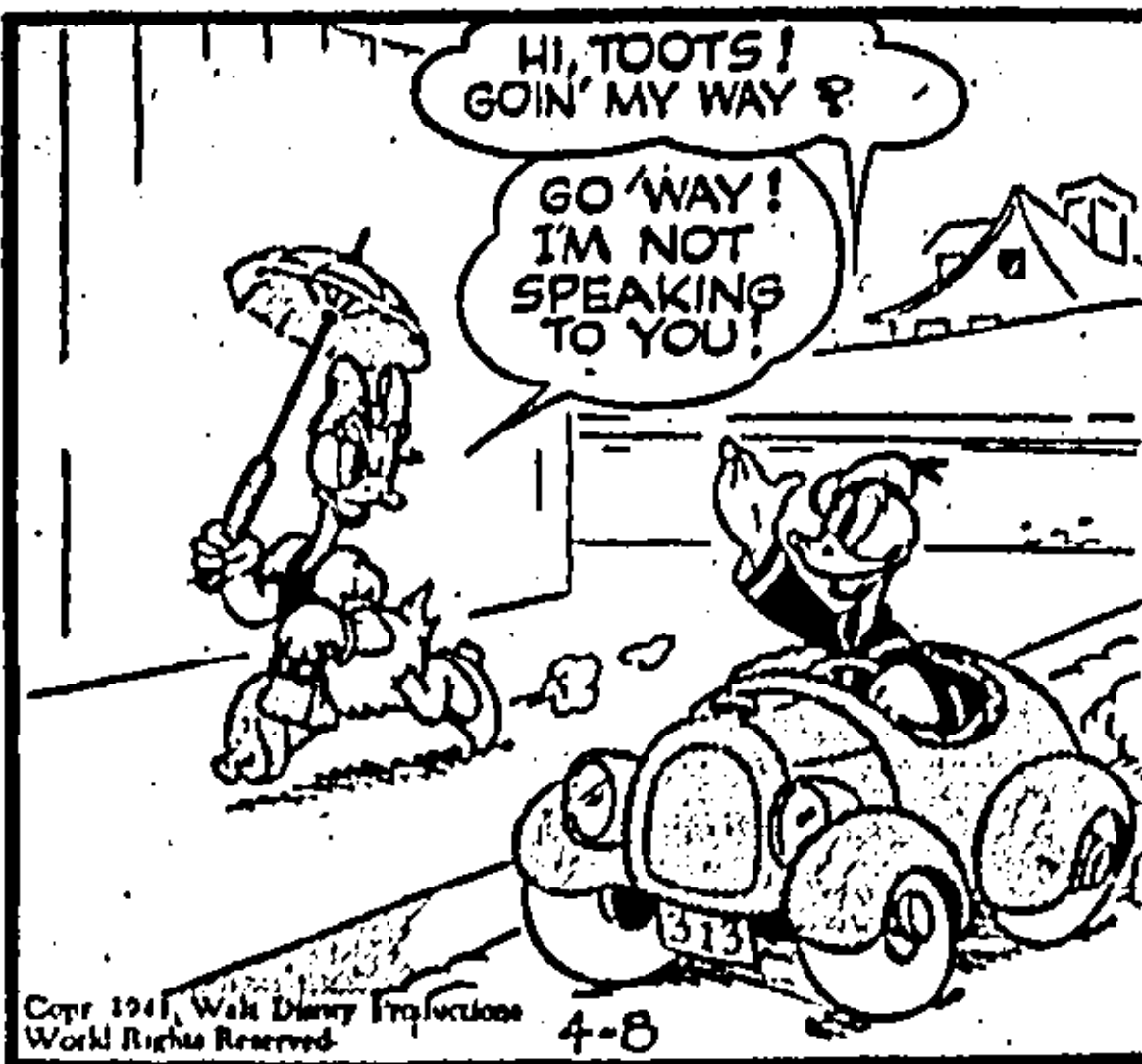
The following donations to the Bomber Fund were received this morning: Mr and Mrs D. Drummond, \$1,000 (2nd donation) Mr J. K. Bousfield, \$500 (3rd) Mrs E. A. D. Green, \$200.

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FRANCE at Nazi Mercy

By Joe Alex Morris

This is the second of two dispatches by the Foreign News Editor of the United Press who visited France on his way back to the United States after an assignment in England. The first appeared last Friday.

Sometimes a procession of automobiles rolls into the main street of Vichy and half a dozen German army officers get out in front of the big resort hotel that houses the French Ministry of War. If the guard at the door presents arms, and a trim, little man in uniform comes to greet the new arrivals, you know that there is a general of the Reichswehr among the Germans.

The sober little man with a ramrod back is General Huntzinger, the French Minister of Defence. Only a little man in a stiff, flat-topped General's cap could be so severely correct in his public greeting to a conqueror.

Passersby pause to look at the Germans. The German soldiers gaze around with restrained curiosity and sometimes take snapshots. They have an air of confidence that contrasts sharply with the apathy of the French around them, and it is only when some of the passersby turn away that you see anger and bitterness on their faces.

The anger and bitterness that exist among the French may become a potent element in the war. But thus far, it has failed to penetrate the confused apathy of a defeated nation. The people know that at any moment Germany may draw tight the noose that would

strangle what is left of Unoccupied France.

To understand the position of France in a warring continent, you must weigh the attitude of the government leaders, the power of Germany to strangle France almost overnight and the dazed, hopeless condition of the mass of the people after last year's battle.

The government of Marshal Petain, under the influence of former vice-premier Pierre Laval, bet on a German victory over Great Britain and agreed to collaboration in a new European order dominated by Germany. Most members of the government are still staking their futures on that bet, although they are less confident now of the outcome. One of them explained it this way:

"There are more than 80,000,000 Germans with a vast industrial machine. It is only reasonable that they should be a dominant power on the continent. We lost the war. We are primarily an agricultural country, and we can fit into a new European order in which we maintain the rights and sovereignty of France just as any one of your states in America maintains its position. And, just as a native of any one of those states can become leaders again in Europe."

In a general way, that is the official version of the ultimate purpose of collaboration with Germany, but it is modified by many influences. The first big influence was Laval, who staked everything on a quick German triumph after France fell. He went so far in his efforts to gain personal power, with the

FRENCH REFUGEES—More than 30,000 German Jews, Hungarians, Czechoslovakians, Russians, Poles and Spaniards are detained in internment camps in unoccupied France, where their lives are utterly futile and miserable, according to reports. Pictures above were taken at Camp des Milles, not far from Marseilles. Top, ancient brick factory now used as the main building.

backing of Germany, that he fell victim to the intrigue of his political foes at home and to Petain's own ideas of how to save France from extinction. Laval is now in Paris, but many in Vichy believe he will return. They know that the Germans can put him in a place of power again if they think it desirable.

The ousting of Laval brought Admiral Francois Darlan to power, and consolidated in his hands the most important cabinet posts. Darlan is outspokenly anti-British, because he built up the French Navy and saw some of its finest ships attacked by the British at Dakar and Oran. He is reputed to have expressed a hope that the French Navy would have a chance to show its mettle to the British, but is also credited with being merely more anti-British than pro-German.

Darlan's lack of political experience has brought Petain's position more strongly into the foreground. The old Marshal, regardless of his personal political views, represents the French desire to survive as a nation. He has convinced the people that he is above political intrigue or personal ambition. His one desire is to go down in history as a national saviour. He is trying to mark time until somebody wins the war.

Petaim and all of Unoccupied France, however, are at the mercy of Germany.

one French official explained. "Whenever it is drawn tight, we begin to choke."

The Germans hold almost 2,000,000 French war prisoners, and by holding them can delay the ability of the nation to recover and weaken France for a generation by drastically affecting the birth rate.

Germans are using billions of francs paid by the French Government for support of the Nazi army in occupied France to buy into French industries and other enterprises, which they will control even if the army of occupation is withdrawn. German occupation is forcing France to sky-rocket its borrowings toward the 100,000,000,000 franc mark, with consequences so obvious that the franc can now be purchased on the Black Bourse at more than 125 to the U.S. dollar in contrast to the official rate of 48 1/2.

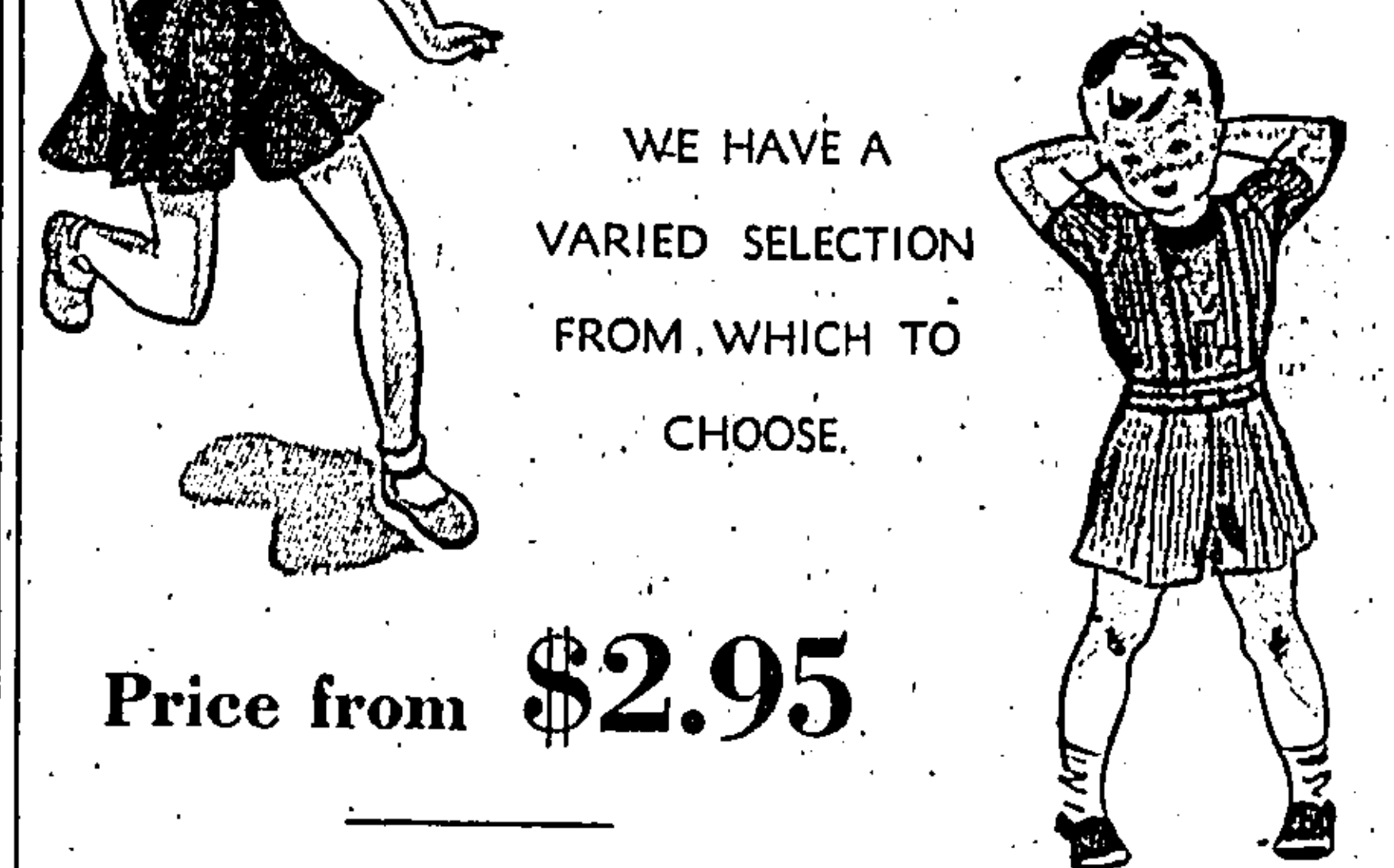
This Nazi programme of economic destruction, however, is only part of the problem. The French are running short of food, and whenever the "strangulation line" is drawn tight the Germans can make the food, fuel, and raw materials shortages so acute that the unoccupied zone is all but paralysed. Already the food shortage has persuaded Petain to back Darlan's threat to use French warships against the British blockade. Some neutral observers believe that real famine conditions might persuade the Marshal to go further in deals with Germany in exchange for food.

Against the German power, there are a few safeguards. One is the Nazi-dictated armistice that left the fleet in French hands to protect French colonies. As long as Petain can threaten to flee to North Africa and turn the fleet, air force and colonial army over to co-operation with the British, the Germans must carefully weigh the cost of breaking the armistice terms by invading the unoccupied zone or seizing French naval bases.

The second and, possibly the most important, safeguard is the pro-British feeling among the French armed forces and the people. Three experienced observers just returned from North Africa told the same story: that the French navy took an objective view of the military necessity that prompted British attacks at Oran and Dakar, and that the feeling among both men and officers was favourable to the British.

The people of the occupied zone are invariably described by responsible persons reaching Vichy as becoming daily more bitter against the Germans—largely because an army of occupation paralyses business and hits the people in their pocket-books. In the unoccupied zone, the people have not yet recovered enough from the daze of defeat to worry seriously about who is going to win the war. But if they forget their own troubles long enough to talk about it, the old fear of Germany emerges, and there are new signs scrawled in chalk on the walls: "Vive De Gaulle!" Copyright 1941 by United Press.

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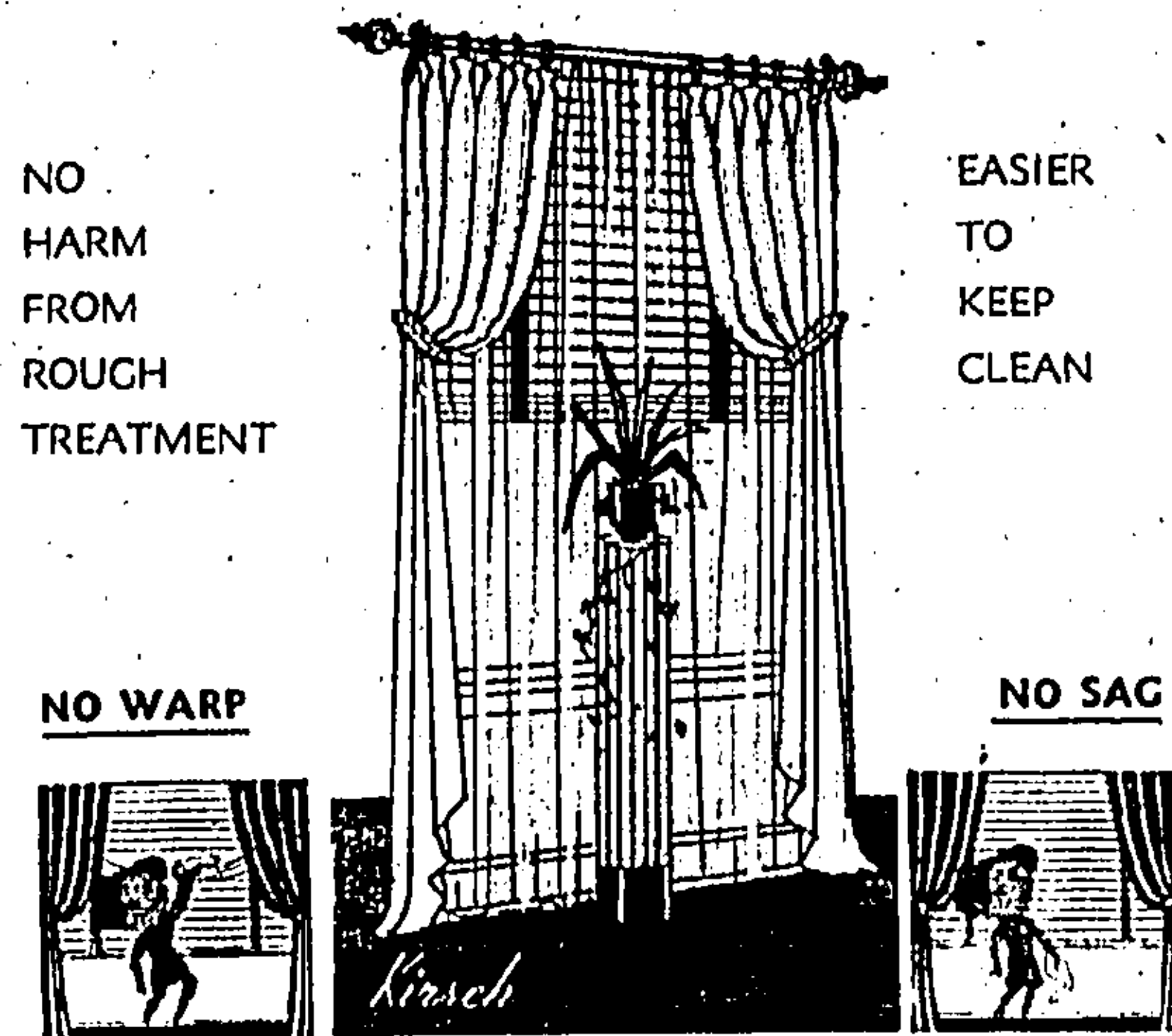
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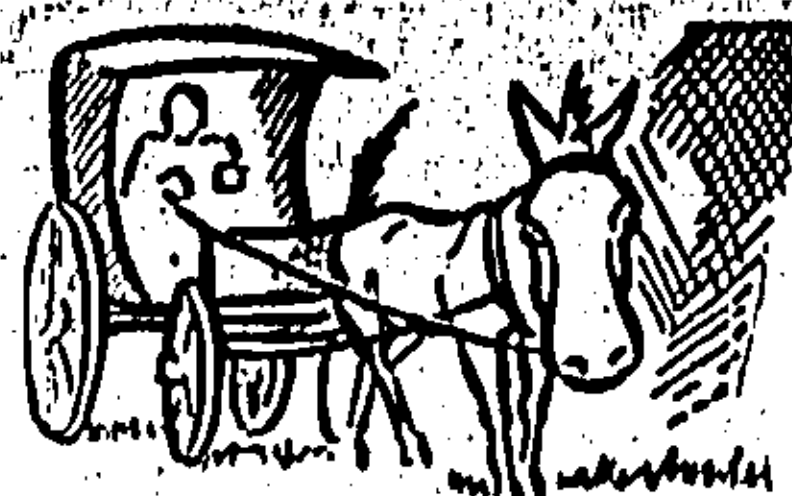
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BALANCE SHEET

AN attempt to strike a balance in the progress of the greatest war in history shows that the democracies have emerged fairly well from the struggle to date when full consideration is given to their utter unpreparedness. The first wars, beginning in the early part of the last decade, can be merged for the sake of convenience into one long diplomatic struggle, which the democracies lost all along the line—in Manchuria, Abyssinia, Spain, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Munich. On the field was lost the Battle of France, the Battle for Norway and the Battle of the Balkans.

We won the greatest victory of the war ten months ago—the Battle of Britain. With America's help now certain we can count the Battle of the Atlantic won, though we must continue to suffer some losses. In Africa the issue is still clouded despite the brilliant success of our troops in the north-east because of two factors: the uncertainty with regard to the Arab peoples and the possible swing of French Africa against us by allowing the enemy to use bases there.

The fact that the Bulgarians are being asked to police more territory to free Nazi troops coupled with the activity of the Royal Navy round Gibraltar would seem to indicate that we are preparing some very strong medicine for the enemy in the Middle East. The defences of Britain have reached a stage when we can afford to release troops for the Middle East from where, indeed, it is not inconceivable that invasion of the continent might be made to subdue Italy, if not to effect a final blow.

Though the loss of the Suez Canal and Gibraltar would never reconcile us to defeat we shall make a great bid to maintain ourselves in the Mediterranean. We have won some notable victories in the three elements there against great odds and we shall press to consolidate them.

The determination of the surviving democracies to force a successful conclusion to the war is stronger than ever; this factor, together with the knowledge that we are daily improving our military resources, permits quiet confidence in the final outcome of the struggle.

Lessons of the GREAT RETREAT FROM COLLECTIVE SECURITY

IT needs a stout heart and indomitable faith in the Offices they had left behind amidst of such a war as this

to take a hopeful view of the League of Nations.

Shall we witness a joyful return to the great palace at Geneva when the struggle is over and the world makes its new start? Will the nations write off as a partial or total failure the great experiment which was begun after the last war? Will they try again on new and, perhaps, less pretentious lines?

Such questions may seem vain to many when our one immediate concern is to beat the enemy. Yet some of the best brains should be thinking ahead in view of eventual Peace Conference lest important decisions should have to be taken without adequate consideration.

Europe is certain to be extremely war-weary when the last shot is fired—victors as well as vanquished. It was so in 1918. War-weariness does not conduce to sound constructive thought.

Those who would refresh memories almost necessarily confused by the swift passage of exciting events and perpetually recurrent crises should turn to Viscount Cecil's "A Great Experiment," published recently by Jonathan Cape (16s). Few can have been better acquainted with what went on behind the scenes than he. He attended the birth of the League at Versailles in 1919 and, as it were, adopted the child as his special charge. He took a foremost part in many of its triumphs and some of its disasters.

For the League he abandoned all other political interests. In season and out of season he was its untiring champion and advocate. Though he calls this book an autobiography, most of the story is monopolised by the League, as though he himself did not begin to live until he found his real calling and election in the service of the League.

It is not a thrilling story. The spectacle of an enthusiast playing on his ravaged heart-strings is always sorrowful. Nor is he even now "to sorrow resigned." When his indignation is not ablaze it is smouldering, and it is directed almost always against British Ministers. He does not accept the view—which many find easiest to accept—that the League was born before the world was ready for its coming. Statesmen and delegates who were supposed when they reached Geneva to forget their nationalistic ambitions and think first of the general good of humanity signally failed to rise to the lofty standards required. It is notorious that the spirit of intrigue was as rampant at

Geneva as in the Foreign geographical remoteness of other considerations. Then he goes on to say:—

"I believe all these defects would be lessened if there were, inside the framework of the League, a confederation of confederations of geographical related Powers with appropriate confederated organs."

"The most obviously necessary of these bodies would be a European Confederation, the central object of which should be the preservation of European peace."

"It should be open to European members of the League who fully accept the principle that aggression is an international crime and are prepared to use all their strength to protect victims of it in Europe."

"A European International General Staff and a Secretariat would be needed and possibly other organs... The Confederation would not be subject to the control of any other international authority, but would remain in close touch with the League and act therewith in closest co-operation."

"Questions of social and economic progress, including possibly a common

By J. B. FIRTH

currency and a common tariff policy, and it may be a Confederation flag, would doubtless arise. If, as is vital for permanent peace, a scheme of international limitation of armaments is adopted, it might probably involve an international air force under the control of the European General Staff."

This brief outline can be filled out by reference to a Memorandum submitted by the author to Viscount Cecil draws his "conclusions." As might be expected, he utterly scorns the idea of appendix to the book. He there insists that whatever territorial and financial arrangements are made the two vital problems to be solved must be the Main-tenance of Future Peace and Economic and Social Reconstruction.

He rejects the various Federal schemes which are finding their way into some quarters. They would be no more acceptable, he thinks, to the countries concerned than was the scheme of Imperial Federation which the late Lord Milner sponsored a quarter of a century ago.

The Dominion statesmen emphatically turned down that proposal on the ground that their countries would never accept the rule of any Imperial legislature or executive in which they would each have only a minority voice. The Constitution looked world-at-the-end-of-the-war is fine on paper, but it would not be known all is guess-work.

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Russia presents special difficulties: Japan still more, especially if she maintains her claim to dominate the Western Pacific. These two Powers, in deed, may take up an isolationist attitude. Till the state of the world-at-the-end-of-the-war is fine on paper, but it would not be known all is guess-work.

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If Viscount Cecil had addressed himself more to a clear exposition of his "conclusions" than to the drafting of his sweeping indictment of Ministers for missing the boat at critical junctures, and committing, as he thinks, so many inexcusable timidities and cowardly retreats, his book would have been made more useful.

Let a single example serve! After stating and rejecting the excuses made for the lamentable handling by the British Government of Italy's aggression against Abyssinia, the author says:

"Not the feebleness of the action from the start and the subsequent abandonment of resistance to aggression were not due to any reasonable fear of the consequences to us and to France of League action against Italy. It was the result of the view held at the time vigorously in France and actually, though not explicitly, in Britain that to regard prevention of war, by force if necessary, as our highest interest and duty was a piece of visionless nonsense, and that nothing of the kind should be attempted unless some fragment of national territory or a section of national trade was also threatened."

That is too bitter. The truth would seem to be that as the international situation worsened, faith in the efficacy, if not in the doctrine, of collective security dwindled fast. The determination of most nations to keep out of the next war was strengthened by each recurrent crisis and whatever politicians might say on public platforms people were coming to the conclusion that unless some vital interest of their country was directly threatened prudence counselled them to keep clear of the threatening storm.

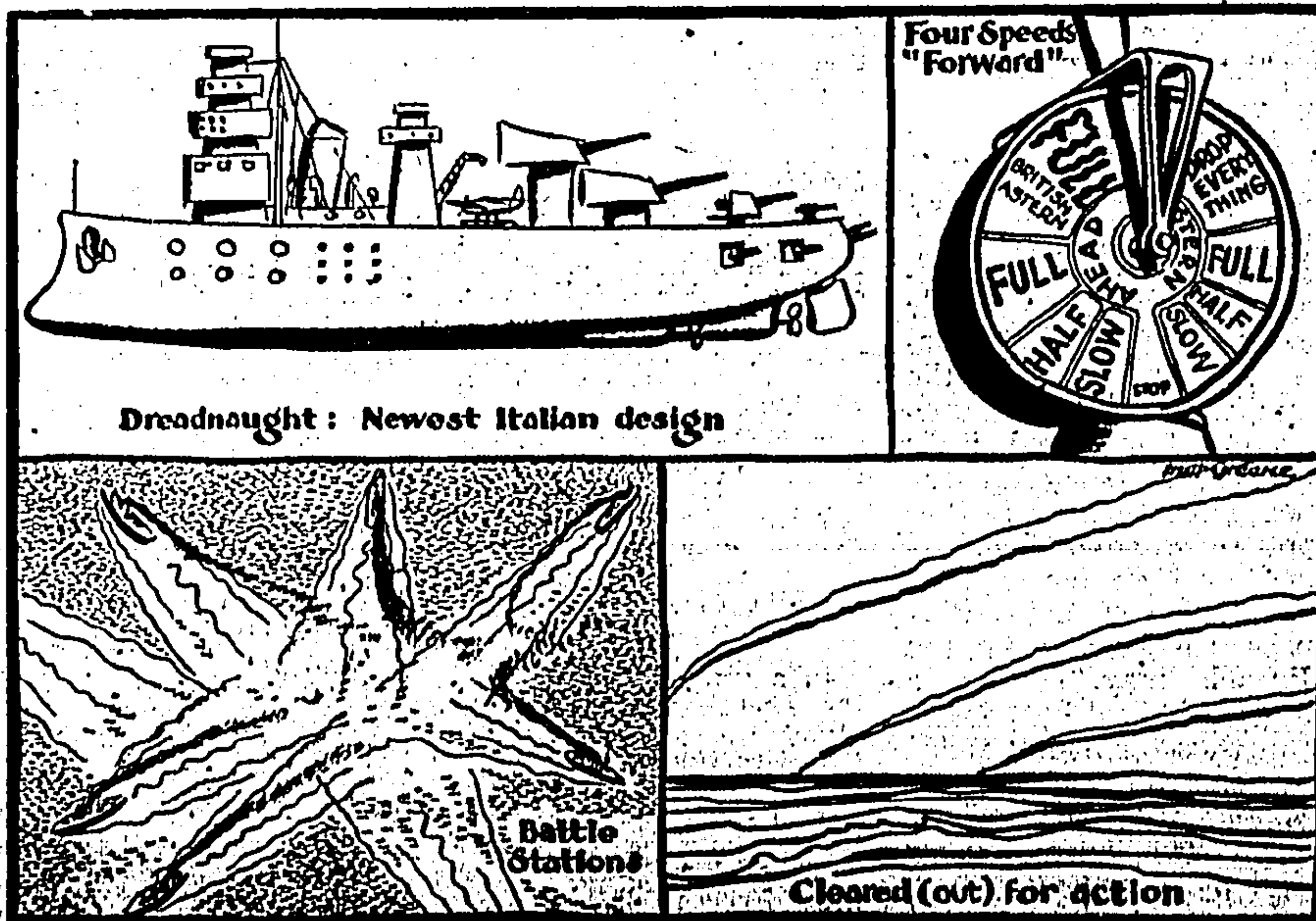
Belgium's withdrawal from her Locarno obligations was significant. States stood by collective security in principle, but they sought safety in Pacts of Non-Aggression and—counting without Hitler—in neutrality.

But the extreme brittleness of collective security was never explained to the public when they were asked to make it the sheet anchor of British foreign policy, and the eleventh hour was well advanced before the National Government began to grow seriously alarmed at the grave defects in the national defences.

Those grave defects, indeed, lay at the back of all the timidities and delinquencies of British Prime Ministers and Ministers in their relation to collective security.

The fighting services had been scandalously let down. Great Britain was in no state to go to war and the Aggressors traded boldly upon her unreadiness. If Viscount Cecil had been as fearful as he was of Collective Security his bitter indictment of British foreign policy during the last ten years would come with greater persuasiveness and weight.

WITH THE ITALIAN FLEET



Cartoon by Matt Greenleaf "P.M." (New York)

Spring Training Nears Its End

M. el Arculli's Brilliant Pitching Holds Tulsa Squad Down

Truelight Schoolgirls Defeat Cardinals

(By "Ball Fan")

Nearing the end of a rapid spring training programme at the Caroline Hill sand dunes, local major league baseball clubs are expected to break camp pretty soon, heading north for the gala season opener. Showing signs of ball-playing weariness, Tulsa's mighty baseball machine divided their two games week-end card as they crushed a weak-playing Royal Engineer nine, in a Saturday afternoon confab, to the sweet tune of 25-0, behind the charmed hurling of Babe Strickland, but took a bad 10-4 loss as the H.B. Beermen slugged home with their second straight pre-season win.

Truelight's student softball lassies took a clean-cut 8-5 win from Dixie Walker's depleted Redbird Cardinals, at the mid-level Stubbs Road ball park. It was the second straight triumph garnered by the schoolgirls since their baptism into local softball circles.

The Maple Leaf Canuckettes took a one game lead in their classic series against Eddie Marquess' Standard Oilers with a 14-10 win over the Oil "seniors" at the Lai Chi Kok fairways in a weekend picnic fracas.

STAGING a tremendous run-scoring uprising against the weak-willed Engineers, manager Dave Usher's mighty Tulsa diamond team played "scorched earth" ball to crash home with a colossal 25 run merry-go-round. Uncle Sam's new dealers took a ball busting eight tally lead in the 1st frame on seven solid blows to send Sapper hurler Raddy Radcliffe rushing to the well-known showers.

Paced by Gerry "ace base ump" Germonito's circuit labelled clout in the 6th, a stinging triple by Memphis Bill Terry in the 3rd stanza and three driving doubles, the American ball artists cashed in with powerful tallies in all but the 2nd inning, connecting for a grand slam 17 hit barrage.

Moundsman Babe Strickland tossed a deceptive game from the sailor slab, using a fast change of pace and a variety of "covered up" hooks, to limit the Hamelin hoosiers to a solitary bingle, slow roller, between first and second by cyclone Taylor.

Sapper manager Luke "hot potato" Hamelin worked Raddy Radcliffe, Mickey Heath and Sarsfield on the hilllock in a desperate bid to silence Tulsa's murderous row. The Engineers played loose diamond-shagging ball and were chalked up with eleven bad misuses in the rout.

SHOWING SIGNS of spring training weariness, the battling seamen from across the broad expanse, took a 10-4 Sunday morning defeat, as H.B.'s galloping brewers played inspired ball to cruise in with their second straight unofficial victory.

The beermen opened up with a bang in the initial stanza, and pushed across three markers on a

wild throw, a classic bunt and a tantalizing single over third by Dave "the old desperado" Leonard.

The Yankee tars crashed across three tallies in the first of the 2nd, in a big move to force through with the covered lead; but the beer kings sewed up the old ball game in the 3rd stanza with another three run outburst as Showboat All scored on Dave Leonard's bingle to left, with the old bum rallying across the platter moments later behind Tony Alves on Stan Leonard's slashing single over second.

The losers came in with their final tally in the 4th, when Germonito's timely bingle over first drove in "Texans" Guinn. The beer stalwarts added a three run "confidence" spree in their half of the 4th when Obeah Arculli, George Sousa and Hank All flashed over the pan with good measure tallies.

The mighty T pulled off a screwball double play in the 4th with the bags loaded, when beerman Baby Abbas, in ducking from one of MacLanahan's fast balls, unintentionally hit out a "back side" slow roller to Tulsa's slabster who started an easy double killing via MacLanahan to Red Simmons to Gerry Germonito.

Madden Arculli, H.B. brewery's premier moundsman, in his first appearance of the year, dished up a masterful hurling performance in holding the dangerous Tuslanman to seven scattered bingles and striking out six.

THE Truelight scholars came through with their second straight win, taking an 8-5 triumph from Dixie Walker's abbreviated Cardinals.

The winners took a two run lead in the 2nd frame on a lead single by Eileen Ling and Lai Bile-wong, but the Cards came back in the 3rd frame to even up as June Hall and Betty Clarke crossed the bouncing platter. The Redbirds went into a one run lead in the opening of the 4th, but the schoolgirls returned in their half of the inning with a three run spurge on successive singles by Choe Yuen-ching and Rosie Lau, and a terrific homer to doo centre by the starry Margery Woo.

Walker's winsome maidens tied up the game in the 5th, but another three run spree which climaxed with a circuit clout by outfielder Wm. M. Yauk in the 6th frame put the game on ice for the schoolgirls.

Hurler Dolly Brown, toeling the slab for the first time in a Cardinal uniform, had plenty of smoke oozing out from her speed balls and with a little more experience will be a top flight hurler out there next season.

Student Margery Woo glittered again behind the plate with her rapid-fire throws to second and her powerful clutch clubbing, which just about stamps her as one of the Colony's standout softballettes and a real find of the year.

THE Maple Leaf Canuckettes went one up on Eddie Marquess' Standard Oilers with a 14-10 picnic triumph at the softball fairways by the sea. Going into the 4th inning on the short end of an 8-5 score, the lassies gathered together nine stinging tallies in the next three frames to come through with their "one up" win.

Base umpire Gerry "who dat man" Germonito showed the gas-house mob a few neat ones in calling them, out there by the initial sack, and certainly added colour to the scene in his famous classic.

Swimming appeared on the programme after the battle and a light lunch was served by the Canuckettes to end a real Sunday afternoon picnic outing.

Baseball diehards are reminded that an important meeting of the league will be held in the Texaco office, 2nd floor, 100, at 7 P.M., today this evening.

Week-end Stars

Maxie Maxwell and "Memphis" Bill Terry, Tulsa—Former led the terrific Tulsa attack against the Sappers with four solid bingles and crossed the platter with five tallies; latter came through in the pinches to drive in five teammates.

Dave Leonard and Madden Arculli, H.B. Beer—Dave came into his own to lead a brewery uprising with three timely singles to drive in three runs; latter hurled smart ball in his first appearance of the season to set the mighty T down with seven scattered bingles.

Margery Woo and Wm May-yuk, Truelight—Margery connected for a homer and a double to lead the school-girls batting attack; latter made a neat nab at left field to stop a dangerous Card threat.

Mary Ng and Mary Chang, Canuckettes—Deceptive Mary shone like a brilliant star, on the slab with a neat tossing game in subduing the Oiler slugging threat; petite Marys covered the centre-field spot in "Ben Chapman" style, whizzing around in whippet fashion to give a starry display in the Maple Leaf win.

Major Baseball

Chicago Cubs Tounce Tigers 14-1

NEW YORK, May 19 (UP).—Chicago Cubs came through with the outstanding win to-day, beating Brooklyn Dodgers 14-1 in the National League.

Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE		R	H	E
Brooklyn	Caney, Brown, Hamlin, Tammis, Owen, Phelps.	1	4	2
Chicago	Passau, McCullough, George.	14	14	2
New York	Hubbell, Danning.	1	4	0
Pittsburgh	Hubbell, Danning.	2	6	1
Boston	Batter: Grepp.	0	4	0
Cincinnati	Batter: Vandermeer, Beagle, Lomhard.	14	3	0

AMERICAN LEAGUE		R	H	E
Cleveland	Batter: Milner, Brown, Hemley, Philadelphi.	5	12	3
St. Louis	Batter: Galloway, Ferrell.	5	8	0
New York	Batter: Russo, Peek, Stancu, Dickey.	1	4	2
Detroit	Batter: Gorsien, Tebbels.	4	10	0
Boston	Batter: Dobson, Harris, Judd, Peacock.	2	4	2
Chicago	Batter: Smith, Tresh.	8	9	2
Washington	Batter: Kennedy, Masterson, Evans.	2	10	1

Happy Valley Golf Matches Week-End Results

Results in the Adamson Cup Golf competition played during the week-end were:

First round—W. Stoker (15) beat G. W. Reeve (11) 5 and 4; A. E. Clarke (11) beat S. T. Butler 1 hole.

Second round—Stoker beat G. E. Witterton (12) 3 and 2; Clarke beat F. Buckle (12) 4 and 3.

Junior Title
First round results of the Junior Section Championship were: Powell, W. V. Ahern beat R. M. Keown; J. Young beat D. W. Deeken; H. Smith beat T. D. Low.

The Stablesford Competition was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

Hoax Report Resignations From Soccer Committee Denied

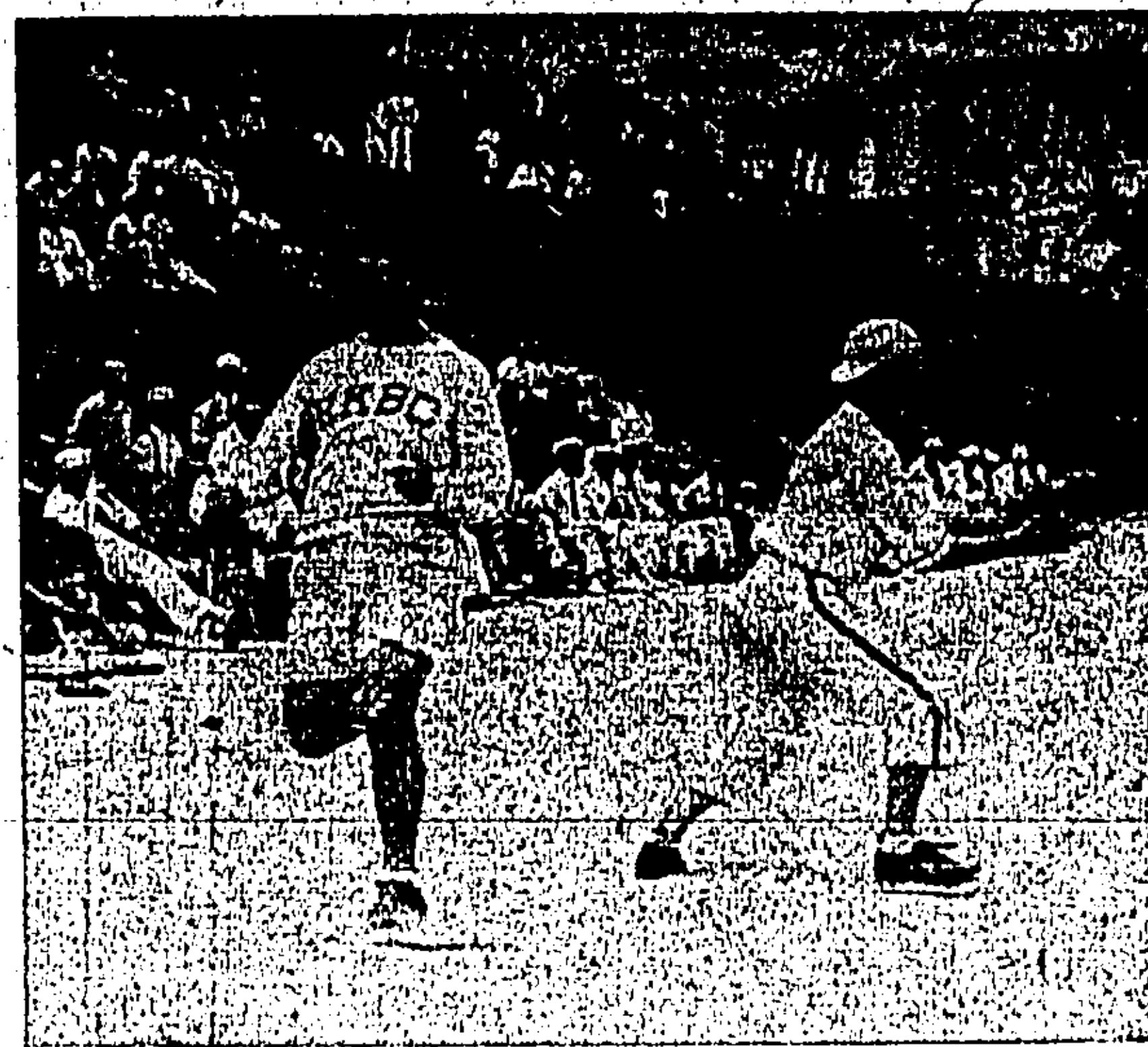
We are asked to state that there is no truth in the report, appearing in our issue of yesterday, to the effect that Mr. Hugh A. Beard, Chairman, and Mr. D. Kossick, Civilian Representative, have resigned from the Committee of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association.

Both are still keenly interested in the game of Association Football and the welfare of Referees. They state that they have no intention of withdrawing their support from the Association and are at a complete loss to understand what gave rise to the false report.

The only alteration in the constitution of the Committee of the H.K.F.R.A. since the last general meeting is Mr. H. H. Foster, who has taken the place of Mr. M. Minihan as Army Representative, the latter having left the Colony.

The usual routine committee meeting is not due to take place until Thursday of this week.

The report was received over the telephone from a seemingly authentic source, but appears to have been a deliberate hoax. The inconvenience caused to Mr. Beard and Mr. Kossick is much regretted.



Dave Leonard (H. B. Brewery) one of the victims of the double play by the Tulsa in Sunday's baseball game at Caroline Hill. Catcher Simmons ready to throw for the second victim.—Ming Yuen.

League Tennis

K.C.C. Defeats H.K.C.C. In "A" Division

Only Scheduled Game

Wah Yan Assn Athletic Meet On Sunday

The Wah Yan Past Students' Association will hold its fourth annual sports meeting at Caroline Hill on Sunday at 10.30 a.m. The programme includes an open 400 metres relay. The tug of war and football match between past and the present boys will constitute the highlights of the meeting.

The prizes have been donated by patrons and Council members. Mr. Lim Hoy Lun, Headmaster of Wah Yan College, Kowloon, will distribute the prizes.

Entries will be received by Mr. Tam Sik Poon, China Ink & Lacquer Co., Ltd., Shell House.

Programme
The programme is:
Long Jump, B Grade 50-metres, A Grade 100 metres, Shot Put, High Jump.
Little Visitors' Race, 50 metres race (for women workers of the Wah Yan War Relief Association), A Grade 200 metres, Obstacle race.
Tug of War (Old Boys v. Present Boys), Football Match (Old Boys v. Present Boys), 400-metres relay (Open to the Colony).

Home Soccer Fixtures For May 24

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures for Saturday, May 24:

LONDON CUP
Millwall v. Arsenal.

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Aldershot v. Crystal Palace; Brentford v. Reading; Cardiff City v. Portsmouth; Fulham v. Southampton; Tottenham v. Leicester; Walsall v. Nottingham Forest; Walsall v. Queens' Park Rangers; Weatham v. Chelsea.

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Blackpool v. Preston North End; Everton v. Sheffield United; Manchester City v. Bolton Wanderers; York City v. Middlesbrough.

REGIONAL MATCH
Chesterfield v. Stoke City.

"B" Division Matches
The following is to-day's programme of "B" Division matches:
G.R.C. v. Army T.C.
Kowloon O.C. v. C.S.C.C.
S.C.A.A. v. K. Tong

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held (weather permitting) on Saturday, 31st May, and Monday, 2nd June, 1941, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables; Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 22nd May, 1941.

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Miss M. L. Whitley (monthly), \$30; Quarry Bay Working Party (monthly), \$10; Mrs. A. F. Horden (monthly), \$10; the Kowloon Cricket Club—being part proceeds of Entertainment "Dinner Meeting" \$400; E. Lloyd Jones (monthly), \$10; H. Hancock (monthly), \$25; Dr. K. W. Chau (monthly), \$20; Memory of T. H. Hynes—Mrs. Angus and Sons, \$20; Memory of T. H. Hynes—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sheehan, \$10; Anonymous (monthly), \$10; Analysis Government Laboratories—April, \$77. Total \$702,450.95.

Subscribers to the C. U. Spillure Fund will be pleased to hear that the Ladies Committee of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club have been able to remit by telegraphic transfer \$120 to Headquarters in London.

MISS JEAN MACKIE DECORATED

It is learned that a former Hongkong girl has been decorated by His Majesty the King for courage and example in a bombing raid "somewhere in Britain." She is Miss Jean Mackie, daughter of Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, late of Messrs. Gibb Livingston & Co., Ltd., and former Legislative Council member.

At the time of the raid Miss Mackie was the officer-in-charge of a "Wren" hostel which suffered a direct hit, killing ten girls.

Miss Mackie, who was very popular in Hongkong, was one of the Colony's keenest women fliers, and obtained her "A" certificate here in June, 1934. She was the first woman in the Colony to receive this certificate, and was also the first member of the Hongkong Flying Club (of which she was Secretary) to gain this distinction.

Chaplin Skit On Hitler

"The Great Dictator"

You will laugh with Chaplin when his incomparable genius as a comedian forces you to laugh. You will be bewildered by the Excellent impersonation he gives of Hitler "shooting his neck off" at a mass meeting of the Nazis, and finally, you will feel with him when he denounces dictatorship in the speech he gives towards the end of the picture.

All the above are incorporated in "The Great Dictator", which is now showing at the Oriental Theatre, at popular prices. There is a great demand for seats at all performances and indications are that the picture will have a record run at this popular theatre.

The picture tells of the horrors of Nazism and how the Jews are persecuted by Hitler and his storm troopers. In the midst of it all Charlie Chaplin, with his barber's shop in the Ghetto, brings a comical relief to an otherwise somewhat sordid story, making "The Great Dictator" one of the best-directed and most entertaining films ever to have been shown locally.

Jack Oakie gives a good impersonation of Mussolini as Chaplin does of Hitler, and these two, as a team, make one continuous roar of laughter for the audience.

BRIGANTINE LAUNCHED

ROUND THE WORLD TRIP

Built at a cost of about \$40,000, the 55-ton luxury brigantine Nuestra Señora de la Paz (Our Lady of Peace), was launched by Miss Virginia T. Idefonso in traditional manner with a bottle of champagne at the Wing On Shing shipyard, Shamshulpo, in the presence of the brigantine's captain, Lieut.-Colonel Juan L. Calvo, and many friends, yesterday.

The craft was originally built for Sr. A. Camelo, Mexican Consul in Manila, but after construction had been started, Sr. Camelo decided that it was too big for him, and sold it to Lieut.-Col. Calvo and Lieut.-Colonel A. Arnaz. Lieut.-Col. Calvo will be taking the vessel to Manila shortly, where he will be joined by Lieut.-Col. Arnaz, and other companions for a trip around the world.

The brigantine is said to be the only one of its kind in the Far East, and the largest to be built in Hongkong. Her dimensions are: Length over-all, 56 ft 10 ins; beam 15 ft; and draught 6 ft 3 ins. She has a 57-ft mainmast and a 53-ft foremast above deck, and will carry 15,745 square feet of sail. She is also equipped with a 1941 model 55 horse-power Gray Marine-Diesel engine, and has storage capacity for 400 gallons of fuel and 300 gallons of fresh water, making it possible for her to travel at least 1,000 miles without stopping for fuel or water.

Designed by Mr. Murray G. Peterson, Naval Architect of Marblehead, America, the brigantine is a sloop ship to the Don Quixote del Mar, which was built in America in 1937. A slight change in the rigging is the only difference between the two vessels.

Commodious-Interior

The vessel appears to be rather small from outward appearances, but the interior is most commodious and well planned. The Chinese and Filipino crew have bunks built forward, with the main cabin for the captain and his wife, and a stateroom for the Don Quixote del Mar, which was built in America in 1937.

The bowsprit is adorned with a small tenk-wood figure of Our Lady of Peace, painted in gold, and on the transom of the brigantine is the Coat of Arms of the City of Manila. She was originally built in an adjoining shipyard, but was transferred to the present yard a few months ago for adjustment and completion.

A radio compass and wireless telephony set will be installed on the vessel in Manila.

Colonel Calvo, who is in the Philippine Army Reserve, and Colonel Arnaz, a reserve officer in the Air Force in the Philippines, were the two intrepid firmen who flew a small plane from Manila to Madrid via Hongkong just before the start of the Spanish civil war. The two men have been companions on many other adventurous jaunts, but this is their most ambitious undertaking in a sea-going vessel.

Merely for Adventure

Colonel Calvo said that the purpose of the trip was merely one of adventure, but they would try to recover some of their expenses by selling photographs of their journey to various magazines, and he would probably write a book about the trip, which is expected to last about two years, and also to write something about his flight to Spain.

Among those present at the launching were Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Idefonso, Mr. and Mrs. Z. Soldinski, Mr. and Mrs. S. Berg, Mrs. J. L. d'Almeida, Mr. M. Corrallo, Miss C. Ribeiro, Mr. J. D'Aquino and Masters L. and B. Idefonso.

The possibility of some relief from the Salaries Tax for married men with one or two children was hinted by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, Secretary to the War Taxation Committee, when seen by a reporter yesterday.

Mr. Barnett added that the Committee had viewed with favour an increase of allowances for a wife and first child, and pointed out that this was not brought about by any consideration regarding evacuation, but by the high cost of living.

A report of the Committee's members and it is understood that a meeting will be held to-morrow to consider any suggested amendments.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Any English lord
2—Beginning to
3—Brazilian
4—Paganian singing-girl
5—Glean boat
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1—Claw of bird of prey
2—Mined-oath
3—Caterpillar
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5—English public school
6—Night day before idea
7—American editor
8—Put away
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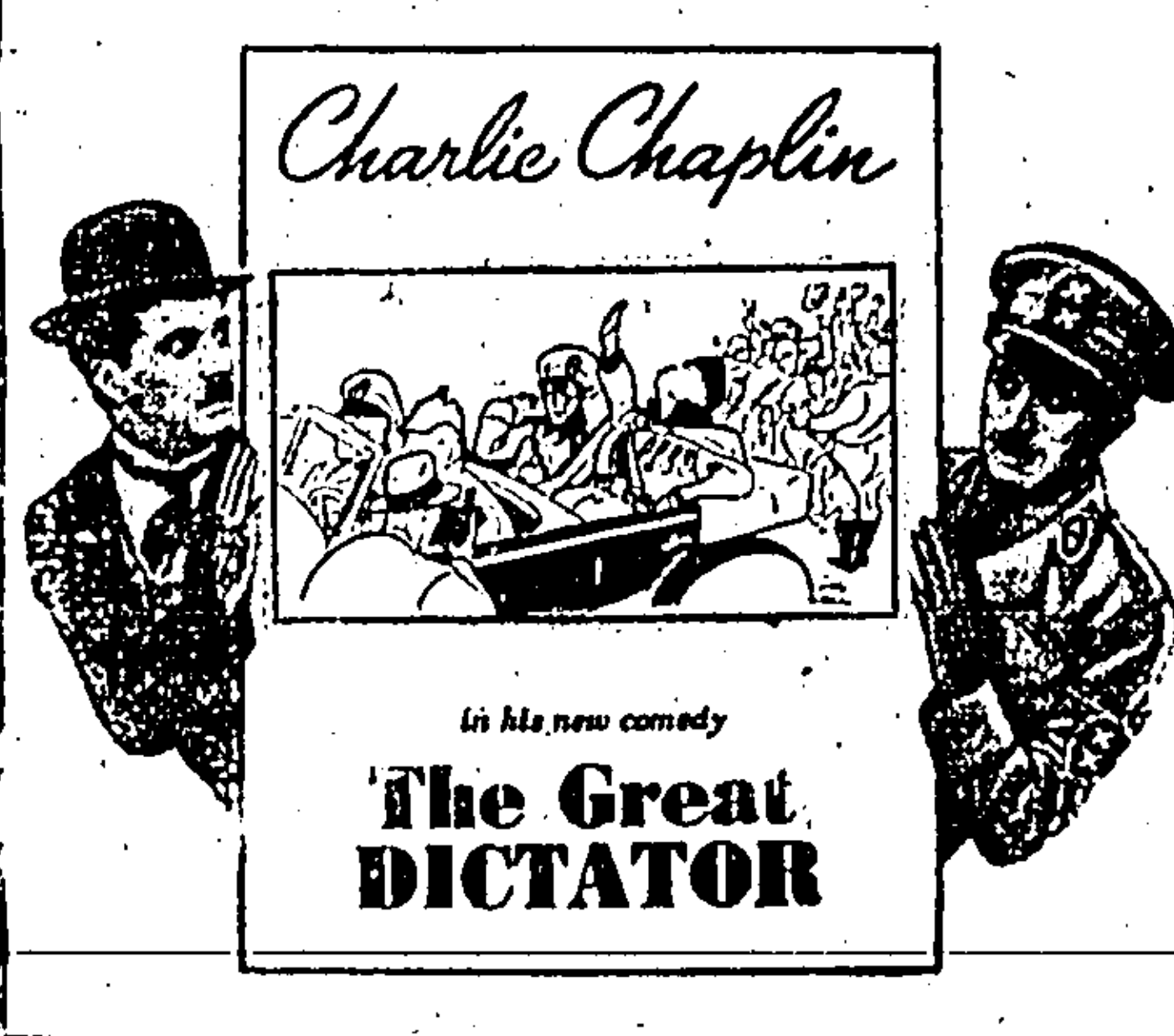
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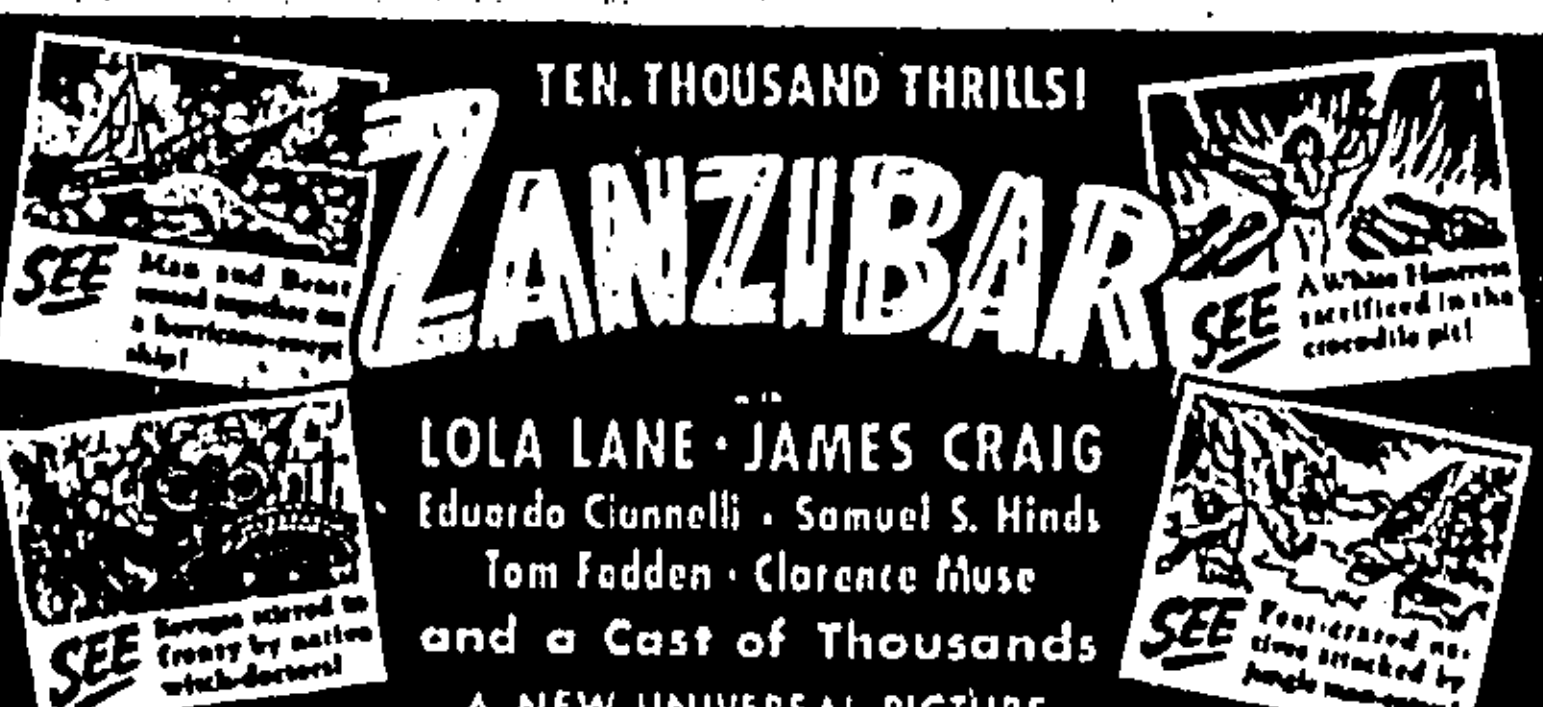


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U.S. Move To Buy French Possessions

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—According to press reports from Washington, the Republican Congressman, Francis Case, has introduced a Bill in the House of Representatives whereby Mr Cordell Hull will be authorised to negotiate for the acquisition of French possessions in the Western Hemisphere and such ships, aeroplanes, and cargoes as France wishes to sell.

The cost will be paid from the \$2,000,000,000 Stabilisation Fund.

Fairly Quiet Over Britain

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Only a few hostile aircraft were reported over Britain, mostly over the coastal districts, up to a late hour to-night. It appeared unlikely that a large-scale attack would develop anywhere.

Thai Luncheon

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—In honour of the Thai Minister in London, a luncheon was given to-day by Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

The guests included Lord Cranborne, the Dominions Secretary, Lady Ravensdale, Sir Horace Seymour, General Sir Sydney Muspratt, Mr and Mrs Ashley Clarke and Mr Henry Channon.

PRINCE KONOYE MAY BE OUSTED BY MATSUOKA

SHANGHAI, May 19 (International).—Rumours are again current here that the position of Premier Fumimaro Konoye is precarious. An earlier report said that the Foreign Minister, Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, might succeed Konoye as premier.

Much seems to depend on the Japanese offensive new under way in Chekiang, Fukien, Hupeh, Honan, Shansi and Kwangtung. Japanese successes in all these sectors appear to have been stalemated, although the primary objective is to destroy Chinese forces.

STOCK EXCHANGE Turnover Is Small

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, the turnover was small with price movements confined to narrow limits.

Gilt-edged stocks were easier on a swiftover of interest towards the London War Savings Campaign. Foreign bonds were steady except Spanish 4 per cent, which lost two and a half points to 22 1/2. Home rails recorded useful gains. Industrials were featured by improvements in iron and steel stocks, shipping and textiles. Among the textiles, cotton spinners were firm on payment of the year's dividend of 5 per cent, on preferred shares. Wall Street was dull but steady.

U.S. Seeks French Possessions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—Representative Francis Case introduced a bill before the House to-day authorising the Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull to negotiate for the acquisition of French possessions in the Western Hemisphere and such ships, aeroplanes and cargoes as France wishes to sell. The cost would come from the \$2,000,000,000 stabilisation fund.

French Complaint

BERLIN, May 19 (UP).—The official news agency reports from Vichy that the French Ambassador at Washington M. Henry-Haye has protested to the United States Government over the confiscation of French ships in American harbours.

No Consultations

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—Mr Cordell Hull today to a press conference to-day that no consultations were proceeding with other American republics regarding the question of occupying French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

The Secretary of State added that despite the critical views here regarding Vichy's "collaboration" with Germany, the United States was keeping in mind that Martinique might need foodstuffs and other supplies.

Proposal To House

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—Representative Case proposed to the House that the State Department be permitted to negotiate with France for the acquisition of Martinique, Guadeloupe, St Pierre and Miquelon, French Guiana, and "such ships, aeroplanes and cargoes as the French Government cares to sell."

BILL-PASSED

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—The House to-day passed the Philippines export control bill and sent it to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature.

Naval Auxiliaries For U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives today passed and transmitted to the Senate a Bill authorising the construction of about 88 naval auxiliaries totalling 250,000 tons at an estimated cost of \$350,000,000.

LETTERS

Import and Export Licence Puzzle

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—There are many questions which I would like to ask and would appreciate answers (if any):

(a) Why is it that some Export Licences are held back for over a period of sometimes a week, when others, which are for the same destination, are signed on the same day?

(b) Why is it that they refuse to give an explanation why some Licences are refused? Haven't we got a right to know? Aren't we tax-paying citizens?

(c) Why don't they employ competent men who know right away the nature of the application without enquiring from the Exporters (after a delay of five or six days, whether intentional or not, I do not know).

(d) Why do they insist on exact date of departure of the steamers when they know that it is against the Regulations for any shipping company to impart such information?

(e) Why do they insist on any application for alteration in the Licence Form to be made within days from the date of applications when they do not return same till 10 or 12 days later?

(f) Why do Civil Servants insist on being incivill?

EASY MONEY.

Surrender Of Duke Of Aosta

FROM PAGE ONE

The Jimma and Lake district to escape has thereby been cut off unless they take to the bush.

However, the Italians now have a particular aversion to the bush owing to terror of the patriot forces, who are now lurking there.

Nevertheless, this district is nearly the size of England and it may take some time to crush the enemy's resistance unless they follow up the Viceroy's example and throw up the sponge.

Gondar Area

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—Units of the Sudan Defence Force have occupied an important sector in the Gondar area and in South Abyssinia have captured an important road junction.

Eight hundred prisoners were taken, including colonels and staff officers.

Position In Libya

In Libya, there is no change at Tobruk while the situation in Basra and Habbaniyah remains unchanged.

In the south of Sollum, two enemy columns, supported by tanks, crossed the frontier, but were driven back.

Duke of Aosta

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Duke of Aosta himself will surrender at noon to-morrow with his staff officers.

Duce Consulted

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Duke of Aosta and Mussolini exchanged messages before the surrender of Amba Agagi.

The Duke, after showing that surrender was no longer avoidable, said, according to the Rome radio: "I am comforted in this tragic and sad moment with the certainty of having done all that is humanly possible. But the war is not finished. Soon we shall return to these lands, once more drenched with Italian blood for the glory of our country."

Il Duce replied: "You and your soldiers have fought heroically. The Italian people have followed your stand with admiration and share your certainty for the future."

Miners' Strike Ended

NEW YORK, May 19 (Reuter).—As the result of a tentative agreement on wages and hours between coal-owners and anthracite miners, the miners have been granted a wage increase and the strike has ended.

Railways Agitation

CHICAGO, May 19 (Reuter).—Labour agitation for wage increases has now spread to the railways.

Representatives of five big Railwaymen's Unions, involving 350,000 workers, announced that they are seeking a 30 per cent. increase in wages and are launching a country-wide campaign.

Notice of the demand for an increase will be served on the railways on June 10.

MR R. G. MENZIES

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, is returning to Australia to-day by air from the United States.

Sikorski Returns

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister, returned to England to-day, having flown across the Atlantic in an American bomber piloted by Canadian officers and landing in Scotland.

He will call on Mr Winston Churchill.

More Mobilization

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day called into active service eight more National Guard aviation squadrons, as well as infantry and coast artillery battalions.

Tallulah Bankhead And Husband Part

Tallulah Bankhead, former West End actress and daughter of the late Senator Bankhead, has announced from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, that she and her actor husband, John Barry, have decided "after long and a scientific thought," to separate.

They were married on August 31, 1937.

Japanese In Axis Intrigues

Leaflets on Damascus

LONDON, May 19 (Central News).—A sensational story of how Japan assists Axis intrigues in the Middle East is reported in the "News-Chronicle" by Gedye, well-known ex-"Daily Telegraph" correspondent in Central Europe.

In Goebbels' intrigues throughout the Moslem countries Gedye revealed that the Japanese Consul at Beirut who is a Japanese Moslem graduate of famous Alazhar University, Cairo, and who speaks fluent Arabic, has been assiduously distributing propaganda urging "Asia for the Asiatics" and "expel the white man".

Japanese everywhere, Gedye alleged, allow German and Italian espionage organisations to use the Japanese diplomatic bags wherever the Axis Consulates no longer open.

Workers Share In Wakefield Fortune

Lord Wakefield, who died in January, aged 81, left £770,220 (net personality £501,220). Estate Duty is £250,738.

In his will, Lord Wakefield, who was head of one of the biggest oil refinery businesses in the world, makes bequests to his staff.

To those of 10 years' service not included in any pension scheme he left one year's wages, and one month's wages to those of one year's service.

He also left £30,000 on trust for his adopted daughter Freda Ware and her children.

It is estimated that he gave more than £1,000,000 to charities during his life.

Navy Employs Witch Doctor

The Fleet Air Arm, at the cost of 4/- and two empty lemonade bottles, bought "ju-ju" from an African witch doctor, which successfully stopped mysterious thefts of wind socks used on an African airfield which they occupied.

The official report says: "The ju-ju consisted of a bunch of chickens feathers well soaked in chicken blood and held together by strips of snake skin. The witch doctor buried it at the foot of the wind sock to enable the curse of the ju-ju—a black snake—to emerge and attack any prospective thief. Before the installation of the ju-ju no wind sock ever remained in situ for more than 48 hours. After its application the wind sock was untouched."

£21,000 Hold-Up At Paris Bank

In a hold-up recently outside the Banque de France in the heart of Paris a gang of thieves got away with 3,700,000 francs (about £21,000 at pre-war rates).

Three bank messengers were taking the money in a handcart from the Credit Industriel et Commercial to the Bank in the narrow Rue des Victoires.

The bandits killed one of the messengers and wounded another. As they could not open the handcart they hitched it on to the back of their car and, firing in all directions, made a clean-get-away, towing the handcart.

Bratza, Violinist, Married

Miss Margaret Mary Russell, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Russell, of Killowen, was married at Epsom recently to Mr M. Bratza Yvanovitch, better known as Bratza, the violinist.

The bride is an A.R.P. ambulance driver at Hendon, and the bridegroom an air raid warden at Mill Hill, where he lives with his mother.

LATE NEWS

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Special to the "Telegraph"
WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—THE MARQUIS D'AGUIAR, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SPANISH CATHOLIC AND ROYALIST PARTIES IN THE UNITED STATES, TO-DAY REVEALED THAT TWO GERMAN PANZER DIVISIONS HAD CROSSED FROM SPAIN EN ROUTE TO TUNISIA AND LIBYA, AND THAT SHIPLOADS OF ARMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO MEXICO AND CHILE.

SYRIAN BAIT Ibn Saud's Help Solicited

VICHY, May 19 (Reuter).—Raschid Ali's Finance Minister has already had two interviews with King Ibn Saud and has extended his stay in Saudi Arabia by 48 hours, according to a Baghdad message.
Evacuation
JERUSALEM, May 19 (Reuter).—The evacuation of Syria and Lebanon by British, Americans and Palestinians on the advice of their consuls is reported in a dispatch to the Independent French Agency.
The mining of the road from Beirut to Northern Palestine is reported but not confirmed.
Leaflets on Damascus
BEIRUT, May 19 (UP).—The British to-day bombed the aerodrome at Palmyra and dropped leaflets on Aleppo, Damascus and Deir ez-Zor.
The British Consul General, Mr. G. T. Havard, is leaving on Wednesday as a result of Britain's request for the withdrawal of the French Consul General at London. The Vice-Consul at Beirut and Damascus are remaining.
Protective Measures
MADRID, May 19 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of "Alcazar" reports that it is not expected, in Berlin that the Vichy Government will take reprisals for the British bombing of Syrian aerodromes though it is felt that Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan are studying what are termed "protective measures."

Berlin Story
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
BERLIN, May 19 (UP).—Authorized German quarters to-day declared that it is "not only possible, but probable" that the French will take "defensive measures" against the British attacks on Syria; however, it was added, perhaps it would be too strong to describe these as counter-measures.
It was stated that a communique could be expected to-morrow regarding the new Franco-German agreement. They claimed they had no knowledge regarding reports that the agreement provides that Paris be placed outside the occupied zone, adding, "there is no reason to believe that the change in the seat of the French Government had played any part in the agreement."

BOMBER FUND DONATION
The following donations to the Bomber Fund were received this morning: Mr and Mrs D. Drummond, \$1,000 (2nd donation) Mr J. K. Bousfield, \$500 (3rd) Mrs E. A. D. Green, \$200.

Joint Nazi-Soviet Action In Middle East Hinted

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Soviet Army began its spring manoeuvres with a considerable concentration of troops in the region of Tashkent, near the frontier of Iran, according to a dispatch by the "New York Times" Ankara correspondent, Sulzburger, quoted by the Ankara radio to-night.
Sulzburger cites diplomatic reports in Ankara as indicating that Russia and Germany "would appear to be arranging some sort of joint action in the Middle East" and specifically mentions reports of negotiations for use by Germany of Russian ships on the Black Sea to transport war materials to Russian ports for transit to Iran and Iraq.

He also declared that twelve German divisions have been in Spain since November last, ready to act in Morocco when the time was auspicious, the move being dependent upon a French-Axis agreement.
The Marquis also asserted that in October, 1938, Spain agreed to enter the war but the plan was changed last September when Spain was instructed to remain neutral and to get everything possible from the United States and Britain.

Mystery Of Nazi Freighter

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—The mystery of the whereabouts of the German freighter Lech, 3,290 tons, which left Rio de Janeiro on April 28, has deepened following a report made by an officer of the Brazilian vessel Pirangy.
When the Pirangy arrived at Rio on Monday, an officer, who was on the bridge on the night of May 4, declared that off Abrolhos, south of Bahia, he saw several ship's boats in which the sailors made signals with lights.
The officer was unable to identify the boats.
On the same night, the wireless operator of the Pirangy deciphered an S.O.S. from the German freighter Lech, addressed to Bahia radio station.
It is recalled that reports circulating a fortnight ago asserted that the Lech had been intercepted by a British auxiliary off Bahia and had scuttled herself.
These reports were not substantiated.

JAPAN'S CHINA POLICY

No Change, Claimed
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
TOKYO, May 20 (UP).—The ultra-nationalistic newspaper "Kokumin Shinbun" asserted to-day that whatever situation Japan might face, the Japanese army was determined to continue efficient military operations in order to crush Chungking's resistance, as a short-cut to settlement of the China Affair.
Owing to indications that considerable difficulties were ahead in effecting such a settlement, the paper declared that certain rumours, having a "twisted interpretation" of Mr Honda's talks, were being circulated so as to mislead the public as if a change had been made in Japan's fundamental policy, which the "Kokumin" reiterated is immutably to develop the Nanjing Government.

Thereafter, Germany "peacefully" invaded Spain and put military forces in the Canary Islands and Spain's African possessions.
The Marquis d'Aguiar stated that he had advised the State Department that Germany now represented any Spanish Consulate or Legation in the Americas, and that this move had been taken for the purpose of combating Pan-Americanism.

Frenchmen Asked To Fight On

General De Gaulle And The Empire
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
LONDON, May 19 (UP).—General De Gaulle's Headquarters to-day issued a seven-point statement, laying down the Free French attitude on the Vichy-German agreements, "in anticipation of repercussions the agreements may have in the interests of France and the attitude adopted toward her by other States."
The most important sections in the seventh point state, that General De Gaulle's Council of defence of the French empire declares:
(1) France cannot and must not be held responsible for facts supposedly committed in her name by rulers who usurped their power and on their own accord subjected themselves to the enemy.
(2) The French nation, continuing the war by means of all her military forces in territories outside the control of the enemy, should therefore still be recognised as a belligerent nation. The French nation is not at present, and will not in future, recognise any infringements of her territorial rights committed by any State in the world owing to taking advantage of a situation in which she was placed by her enemies and usurpers, acting under the enemy who claims to rule her.

142 Americans
The Thomas Cook Travel Agency stated that 142 Americans were among the 202 passengers on the Zamzam. The other passengers comprised 23 Canadians, 28 British, four Belgians, two Greeks, one Italian and one Frenchman.
Canadians Aboard
TORONTO, May 19 (Reuter).—It is declared here that at least 23 Canadians were aboard the Egyptian steamer Zamzam, which was lost while carrying a British-American Ambulance unit across the Atlantic.

LATEST S'HAH BROKER SHOT DEAD

SHANGHAI, May 20 (Reuter).—The business centre of the International Settlement was thrown into an uproar at 1.45 p.m. to-day when Zou Ka-fu, a member of the Nanjing-sponsored gold bar exchange, was shot dead by a lone gunman who fired five shots.
Zou was hit in the head and died instantly but the gunman was caught by the police. Many foreigners and Chinese going to the office had narrow escapes.

Roosevelt and Congress

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—A very high authority disclosed to-day that President Roosevelt is considering a special message to Congress regarding the international situation and the report will possibly declare a full emergency to exist.
The President met the legislative leaders this morning for the first time in three weeks, indicating that he "might" send a special message on the war developments as they affect the United States and possibly recommending new Congressional action. If he decides on a message to Congress, it will be sent shortly. The President read from a document on his desk but it could not be determined whether or not it was a draft of the message.

Surrender of Duke of Aosta: Its Effect on British Cause

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The collapse of Italian resistance at Amba Alagi and the surrender of the Duke of Aosta mean the practical termination of the Abyssinian campaign.
"Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent learns that there are still a few scattered pockets where small bodies of Italians are holding out, but their power of offensive has been completely broken and they can be safely left to be dealt with at leisure by the patriot forces.

SINKING OF THE ZAMZAM

Many Americans Aboard
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—Officials are anxiously awaiting official reports regarding the steamer Zamzam, which not only reported the loss of American lives, but also that the action apparently occurred on the South Atlantic route which has been regarded as safe for neutral traffic.

The route of the Zamzam is the same as will be followed by United States freighters assigned to the task of taking supplies to Egypt. Germany declared the Red Sea a combat zone but the United States does not recognise such designation.
Missionaries Aboard
NEW YORK, May 19 (UP).—The Zamzam carried 19 missionaries with seven children, representing the Africa Inland Mission, an inter-denominational organization and also nine Seventh Day Adventists with one infant, as well as several French Oblate Fathers from Montreal. It is also believed that Mr Charles J. F. Murphy of "Fortune" magazine and Mr David Scherman, "Life" magazine photographer, several businessmen and the wife of an R.A.F. pilot with her child were aboard.

Four Divisions Left
CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—There are approximately two Italian divisions concentrated at Jimma and the same number at Gondar, and with the help of the rains, these may hold out until the end of the rains.
On the other hand, when they receive news of the Duke of Aosta's surrender, they may decide to throw in their hands.
In a few days, it is stated, military circles will be better able to gauge the effect of the capture of Amba Alagi, in which South African, Indian, the Sudan Defence Force, patriot and British troops participated. The importance of the capture of the important road junction of Dalle, was stressed.

Escape Cut Off
The only reasonable chance for the two Italian divisions concentrated in the TURN to Back Page, Column 5

Thailand Protests Rumours Coming From Japan

BANGKOK, May 20 (Reuter).—The British Legation has categorically denied the Tokyo radio broadcast that British firms in Thailand, including the British-owned tin-mines, have closed down.
The Thai Government have officially contradicted another Tokyo radio assertion that the British authorities in Bangkok have protested to the Thai Government against the report of a Thai-Russian agreement—exchange of Thai ores and rubber for Russian oil.
Mr C. P. Fallon, of the Kowloon Godowns has reported that between 5 p.m. on May 17 and 7 a.m. on Sunday, quantities of cotton yarn to the value of \$1,400 were stolen from Godown No. 7.

Non-Stop Action By R.A.F. Over The Middle East

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—A large formation of R.A.F. and South African aircraft carried out attacks on enemy tanks between Fort Capuzzo and Halfaya yesterday, according to an R.A.F. communique.
A number of tanks were put out of action and serious damage was inflicted on many more transport vehicles.
British fighters made extensive patrols but no decisive engagements with the enemy resulted.

GERMANS ROUTED IN DOG FIGHT

Great Work By Our Spitfires
LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Four Spitfires patrolling over the Channel to-day encountered ten Messerschmitt fighters, shot down five of them in as many minutes without loss to themselves and then, with their ammunition spent, raced home safely though pursued by over 30 other Messerschmitts.

INDO-CHINA AND AXIS

Warning By U. S.
TOKYO, May 20 (Reuter).—The newspaper "Yomiuri," to-day gives prominence to a Japanese dispatch from Hanoi alleging that the United States has warned the Indo-China Government that if Indo-China moves into closer relations with the Axis Powers, the United States would take retaliatory measures.

The dispatch adds that the warning came just at the time when the Vichy Government had agreed on closer collaboration with Germany. The Indo-China Government are reported to be shortly replying to the United States.

U.S. Planes To Carry Water To British Troops

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—American transport planes are being converted into "flying water tanks" to rush fresh water to the Empire's thinly scattered troops in the Near East and North Africa. It is understood that the British need 50 such commercial planes.
It is recalled that Mr Jesse Jones, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Administration recently purchased between 20 and 30 five-cabin planes and 14 passenger Douglas planes.
Meanwhile, it is disclosed that a number of these have already been delivered during May and are now ferrying water, after being reported to be going to South America, thence to Sierra Leone and then, presumably to Cairo.

Britain Must & Will Receive The Goods

Special to the "Telegraph"
NEW YORK, May 19 (UP).—A four-point programme for aiding hemispheric defence through foreign trade policies was advocated to-day by the Administration's spokesman, Mr Nelson A. Rockefeller, co-ordinator of commercial and cultural relations between the American Republics.

Mr Rockefeller, addressing the world trade luncheon, featuring the social observance of National Foreign Trade Week, advocated that foreign trade officials of the United States should firstly, replace all agents engaged in anti-American activity; secondly, to increase purchases from Latin America; thirdly, to maintain adequate shipping in Inter-American trade, and fourthly, to supply essential manufactured goods to other American Republics.

He reiterated the previous advocacy of Administration officials regarding methods to insure delivery of defence goods to Britain and the TURN to Back Page, Column 5

North Africa

During the night of Friday-Saturday, aerodromes at Menastir and Birchiet were raided. Benghazi and Derna were also attacked on the following night by British bombers.
Full details of these operations are not yet available but it is known that considerable damage was caused. During operations over Tobruk yesterday, three German dive-bombers were shot down by A.A. fire.

In Abyssinia

In Abyssinia, British aircraft continue to assist the troops in mopping-up operations. Attacks were mainly confined to enemy motor transport retreating along the roads.

Syria

In Syria, bombing attacks made were on Palmyra aerodrome, where one large German transport aircraft and one Heinkel-III were destroyed by fire.
German aircraft on Damascus aerodrome and Rayak were also bombed and machine-gunned. Raids were also made on Raschid aerodrome in Iraq.

Island of Rhodes

A number of fires were started at Calat aerodrome on the island of Rhodes as the result of a raid carried out on Saturday night.

Crete Attacked

During enemy attacks on Allied aerodromes in Crete, one Dornier 17 and another unidentified aircraft were shot down by A.A. guns.
From all these operations, one aircraft is missing.

Enemy Over Cyprus

NICOSIA, May 19 (Reuter).—An enemy reconnaissance aeroplane appeared over Cyprus this afternoon and remained 50 minutes, according to an official announcement. No bombs were dropped.

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were
issued on the Hongkong Stock Mar-
ket this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,310 sa.
H.K. Banks	73 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	70 1/2 n.
Chartered	8 1/2 n.
Mercantile	23 1/2 n.
Mercantile C. & F.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	71 b.
INSURANCES	
Cantons	220 n.
Union	405 n.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire	170 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglas	128 n.
Stamboats	88 n.
Indo-China	80 b.
Indo-China D.	80 n.
Shell (Beaters)	40/7 1/2 n.
Waterboats	655 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	86 1/2 n.
Docks	145 n.
Provident	510 n.
Shui Dockyards	20 1/2 n.
MINING	
Kailan	12/6 n.
Ruhs	8 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels	2.85 b.
Lands	31 b. sa.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/2 n.
Shui Lands Sh.	13 n.
Humphreys	670 n.
H.K. Realties	270 n.
Chinese Estates	99 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams	15.90 sa.
Peak Trams (old)	7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	61 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries	21.35 n.
China Lights (old)	570 b.
China Lights (new)	112 n.
H.K. Electric (old)	22 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	21 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric Rts	11 1/2 n.
Macao Electric	19 n.
Sandakan Lights	12 n.
Telephones (old)	22.00 n.
Telephones (new)	9 1/4 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cold: Macq. (Ord.)	30 n.
Cold: Macq. (Pref.)	25 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cements	13 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes	6 1/2 b.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	17 1/2 n.
Watsons	9 1/2 n.
Lane Crawford	7 1/2 n.
Sincere	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	39 n.
Powell Ltd.	1 1/2 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	35 1/2 n.
Shui Cotton Sh.	205 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4%	97 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934)	94 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940)	94 n.
Ch. Govt 5% 1925 G.S.Bds.	28 n.
Entertainments	0 1/2 b.
Constructions (old)	1.60 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	7.20 n.
Marmans Inv. (Lon.)	8 1/2 n.
Marmans Inv. (H.K.)	2 1/4 n.

Fairly Quiet Over Britain

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Only a few hostile aircraft were reported over Britain, mostly over the coastal districts, up to a late hour to-night. It appeared unlikely that a large-scale attack would develop anywhere.

Thai Luncheon

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—In honour of the Thai Minister in London, a luncheon was given to-day by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs. The guests included Lord Cranborne, the Dominions Secretary, Lady Ravensdale, Sir Horace Seymour, General Sir Sydney Muspratt, Mr and Mrs Ashley Clarke and Mr Henry Channon.

BILL PASSED

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—The House to-day passed the Philippines export control bill and sent it to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE

The MAY HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on Thursday, 29th May, 1941, at 5.30 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

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C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 20th May, 1941.

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The Seventy-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 21st May, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Marek Weber and His Orchestra with Richard Tauber (Tenor).

Blumenfeld, Op. 39 (Lange, arr. Blothgen); Luna Waltz (Lincke); Marek Weber and His Orchestra; You're Mine (Dorance-Siever); One Song (film "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"); Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra; Tres Jolles (Waldteufel); Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Clara was made to Love and Kiss (Lehar); Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra; Waldteufel Waltz Potpourri (arr. Silbermann); Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Piano Duets by Rawles and Landauer.

1.15 Songs from the film.

Heart of a Hickory Limb; Bing Crosby with Orchestra; "Aunt Sally"; We'll All Go Riding on a Rainbow; If I had Napoleon's Hat; Cicely Courtneidge; "Balalaika"; Ride, Cockack, Ride; Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra; "Listen, Darling"; Zing! Went the Strings of my Heart; Judy Garland with Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Roy Smeek and his Hawaiian Screendancers.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Dance Music.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 An Hour of Variety.

9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.15 "The Hope of a New World"—No. 4—"International Justice".

Recorded talk by the Archbishop of York.

9.30 Violin Solos.

Chanson Arabes (Rimsky-Korsakov, arr. by Kreisler); The Deluge—Prelude (Saint-Saens); Toscha Seidel with piano accomp.; Romance, Op. 78, No. 2; Danse Champetre, Op. 106, No. 2 (Sibelius); Emil Telmányi, with piano accomp.

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave Only).

9.45 Operatic Duets.

"Ocielo" Love Duet (Verdi); Tiana Nemitz (Soprano) and Torsten Ralf Tenor with Orchestra; "The Pearl Fishers"—In the Depths of the Temple (Bizet); Benjamin Gigli (Tenor) and Giuseppe de Luca (Baritone) with Orchestra.

10.00 Bruckner—Symphony No. 4 State Capital Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

Chungking Changes

CHUNGKING, May 20 (Reuter).—The appointment of Mr Hsu Kan, Vice-Minister of Finance, as the first Minister of Food, will be announced at a meeting of the Executive Yuan to-day, it is learned in authoritative quarters.

Mr Tsou Lih, the Finance Commissioner of Kwangtung, will be appointed Vice-Minister of Finance.

Meiji University Baseballers To Visit Hawaii

TOKYO, May 19 (Domei).—Meiji University's baseball team, which was last year's champion among Tokyo's six big universities, will leave on June 19 aboard the Yahata Maru for Hawaii where it will play eight to ten games with the teams of the Hawaiian Baseball League.

The Meiji team which has been invited by the Hawaii Asahi Club will be headed by Manager Ryozo Akagami, Coach Umco Tanizawa and 18 players.

The Meiji players will remain in Hawaii for a fortnight and will return to Japan on August 15 aboard the Asama Maru.

Rifle Shooting

First Time Since 1914-18

The Hongkong Special Guard Company "Hughes Group" held their first rifle meeting at Kowloon City Range on Sunday.

As this was the first time that some of the members have had a chance to fire a Service rifle since 1914-1918, the results were very satisfactory.

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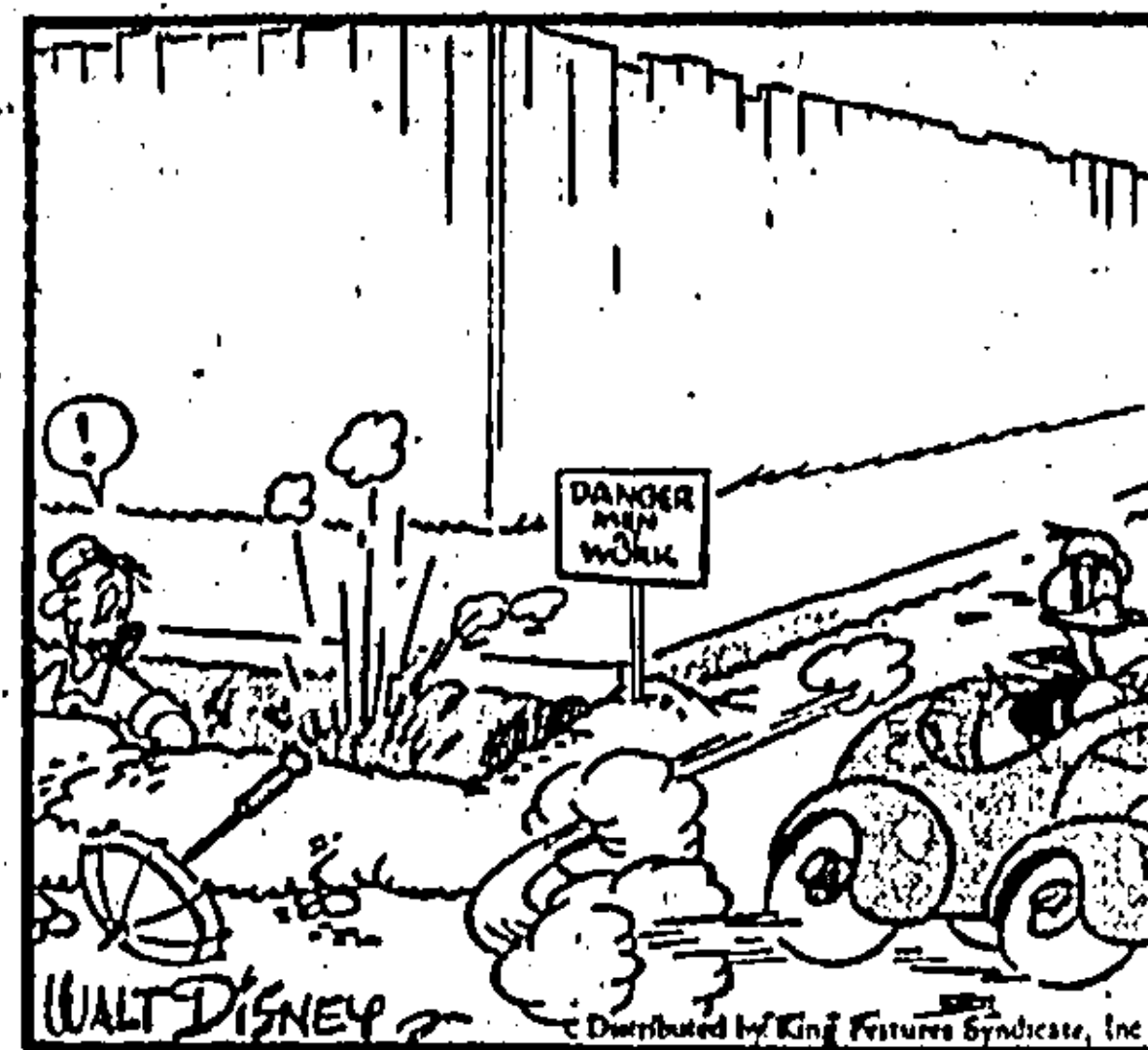
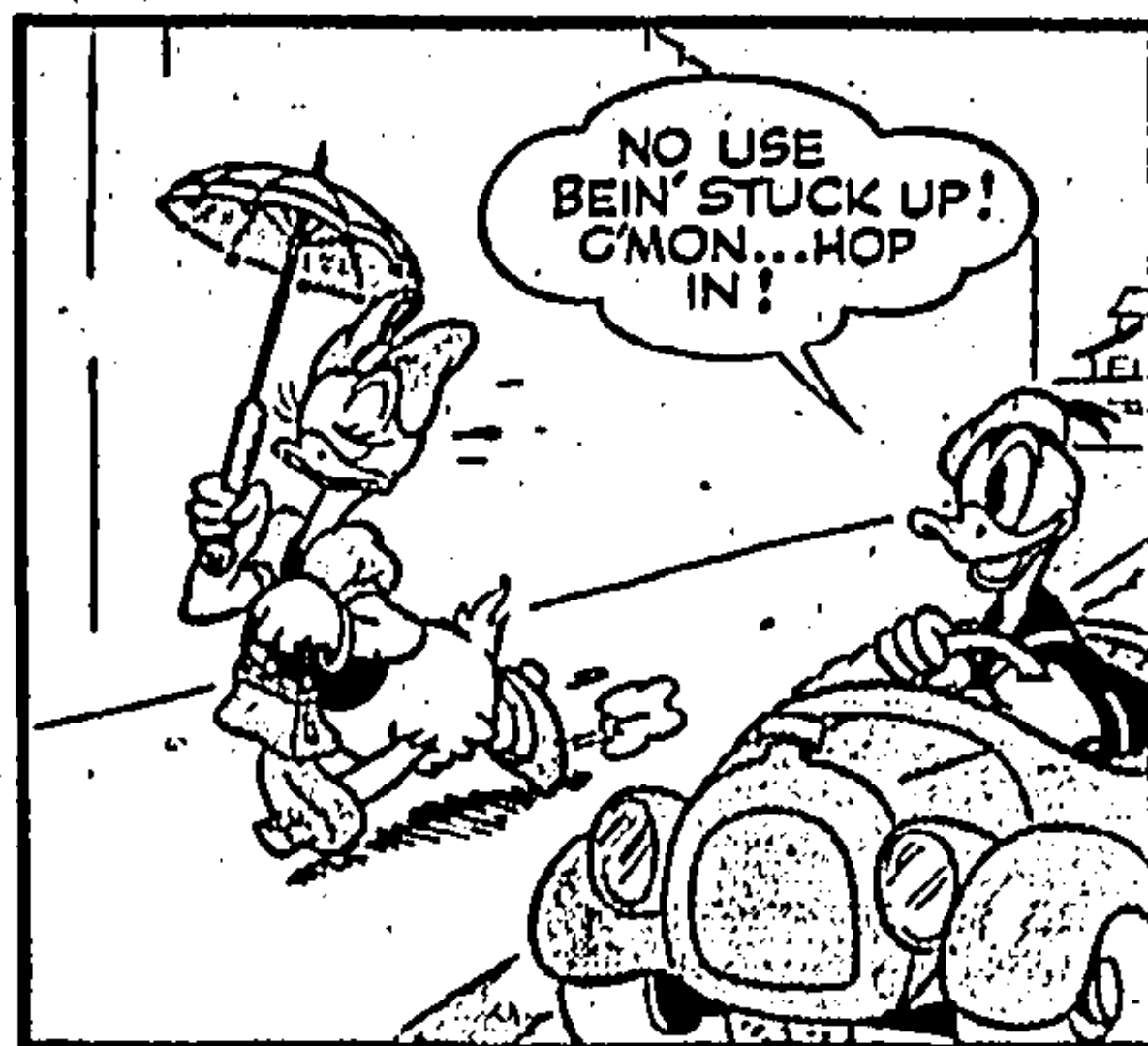
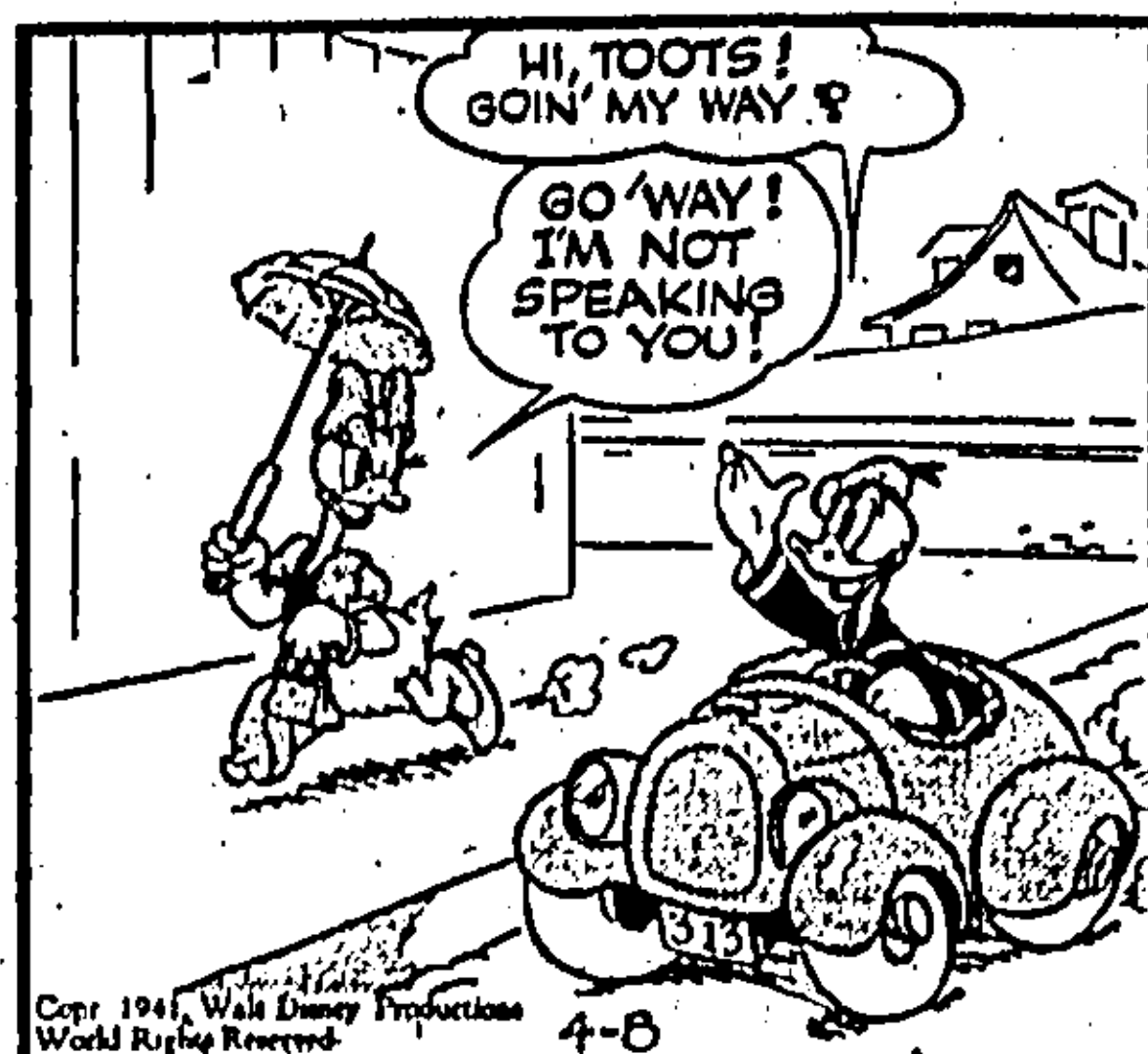
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FRANCE at Nazi Mercy

By Joe Alex Morris

This is the second of two dispatches by the Foreign News Editor of the United Press who visited France on his way back to the United States after an assignment in England. The first appeared last Friday.

Sometimes a procession of automobiles rolls into the main street of Vichy and half a dozen German army officers get out in front of the big resort hotel that houses the French Ministry of War. If the guard at the door presents arms, and a trim, little man in uniform comes to greet the new arrivals, you know that there is a general of the Reichswehr among the Germans.

The sober little man with a ramrod back is General Huntzinger, the French Minister of Defence. Only a little man in a stiff, flat-topped General's cap could be so severely correct in his public greeting to a conqueror.

Passersby pause to look at the Germans. The German soldiers gaze around with restrained curiosity and sometimes take snapshots. They have an air of confidence that contrasts sharply with the apathy of the French around them, and it is only when some of the passersby turn away that you see anger and bitterness on their faces.

The anger and bitterness that exist among the French may become a potent element in the war. But thus far, it has failed to penetrate the confused apathy of a defeated nation. The people know that at any moment Germany may draw tight the noose that would

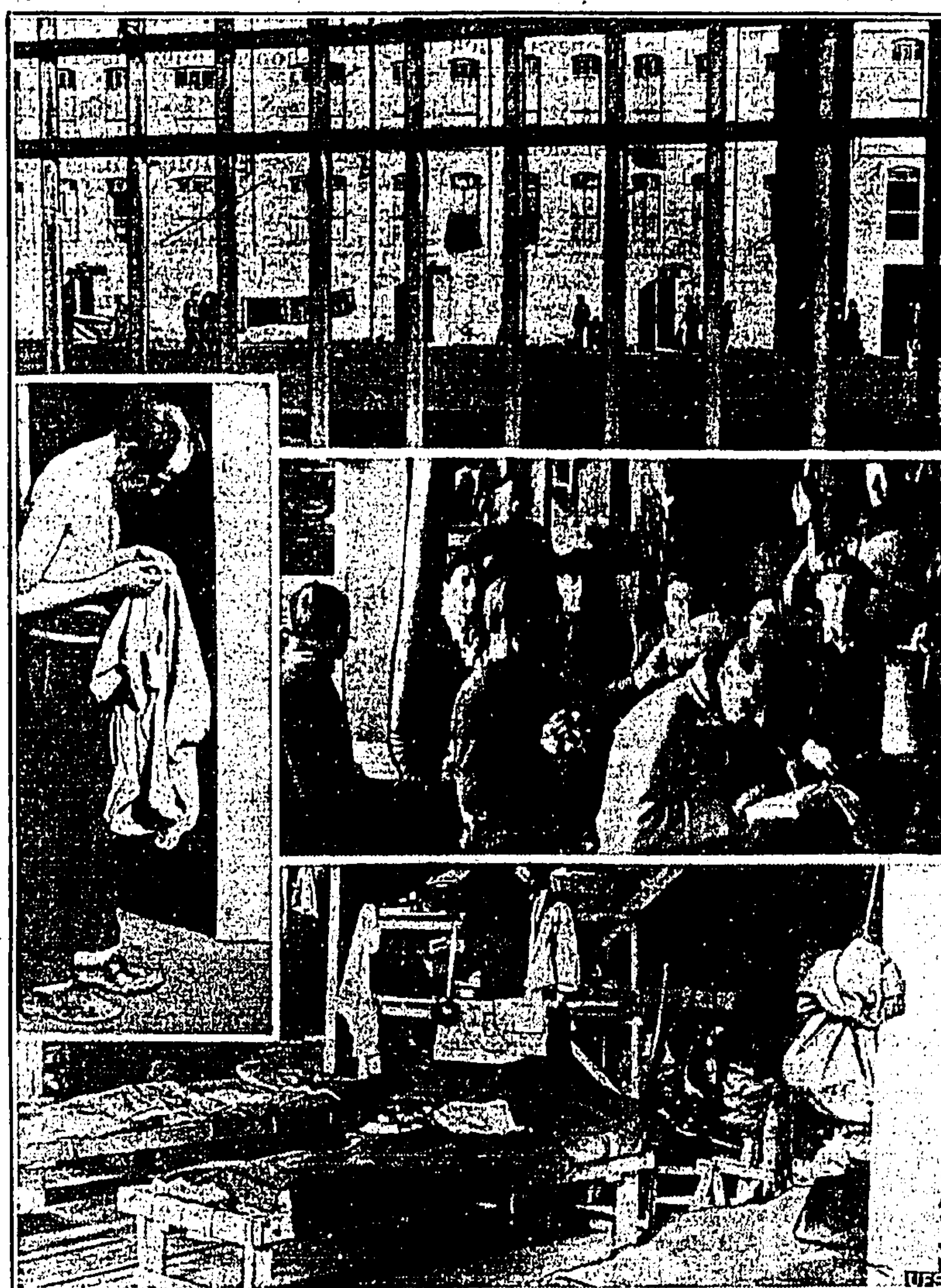
strangle what is left of Unoccupied France.

To understand the position of France in a warring continent, you must weigh the attitude of the government leaders, the power of Germany to strangle France almost overnight and the dazed, hopeless condition of the mass of the people after last year's battle.

The government of Marshal Petain, under the influence of former vice-premier Pierre Laval, bet on a German victory over Great Britain and agreed to collaboration in a new European order dominated by Germany. Most members of the government are still staking their futures on that bet, although they are less confident now of the outcome. One of them explained it this way:

"There are more than 80,000,000 Germans with a vast industrial machine. It is only reasonable that they should be a dominant power on the continent. We lost the war. We are primarily an agricultural country, and we can fit into a new European order in which we maintain the rights and sovereignty of France just as any one of your states in America maintains its position. And, just as a native of any one of those states can become leaders again in Europe."

In a general way, that is the official version of the ultimate purpose of collaboration with Germany, but it is modified by many influences. The first big influence was Laval, who staked everything on a quick German triumph after France fell. He went so far in his efforts to gain personal power, with the



FRENCH REFUGEES—More than 30,000 German Jews, Hungarians, Czechoslovaks, Russians, Poles and Spaniards are detained in internment camps in unoccupied France, where their lives are utterly futile and miserable, according to reports. Pictures above were taken at Camp des Milles, not far from Marseilles. Top, ancient brick factory now used as the main building. Left, a refugee "reads his shirt" for parasites. Right, Russians huddle about a small wood-burning stove while bread and soup are served. Bottom, wooden bunks for men in German refugee quarters. Each group is assigned a leader who is responsible for persons in his charge. Future appears dark for them.

backing of Germany, that he fell victim to the intrigue of his political foes at home and to Petain's own ideas of how to save France from extinction. Laval is now in Paris, but many in Vichy believe he will return. They know that the Germans can put him in a place of power again if they think it desirable.

The ousting of Laval brought Admiral Francois Darlan to power, and consolidated in his hands the most important cabinet posts. Darlan is outspokenly anti-British, because he built up the French Navy and saw some of its finest ships attacked by the British at Dakar and Oran. He is reputed to have expressed a hope that the French Navy would have a chance to show its mettle to the British, but is also credited with being merely more anti-British than pro-German.

Darlan's lack of political experience has brought Petain's position more strongly into the foreground. The old Marshal, regardless of his personal political views, represents the French desire to survive as a nation. He has convinced the people that he is above political intrigue or personal ambition. His one desire is to go down in history as a national saviour. He is trying to mark time until somebody wins the war.

Petain and all of Unoccupied France, however, are at the mercy of Germany.

The line of demarcation between occupied and unoccupied France is a diabolically clever cord of strangulation.

one French official explained. "Whenever it is drawn tight, we begin to choke."

The Germans hold almost 2,000,000 French war prisoners, and by holding them can delay the ability of the nation to recover and weaken France for a generation by drastically affecting the birth rate.

Germans are using billions of francs paid by the French Government for support of the Nazi army in occupied France to buy into French industries and other enterprises, which they will control even if the army of occupation is withdrawn. German occupation is forcing France to sky-rocket its borrowings toward the 100,000,000,000 franc mark, with consequences so obvious that the franc can now be purchased on the Black Bourse at more than 125 to the U.S. dollar in contrast to the official rate of 43 1/2.

This Nazi programme of economic destruction, however, is only part of the problem. The French are running short of food, and when over the "strangulation line" is drawn tight the Germans can make the food, fuel, and raw materials shortages so acute that the unoccupied zone is all but paralysed. Already the food shortage has persuaded Petain to back Darlan's threat to use French warships against the British blockade. Some neutral observers believe that real famine conditions might persuade the Marshal to go further in deals with Germany in exchange for food.

Against the German power, there are a few safeguards. One is the Nazi-dictated armistice that left the fleet in French hands to protect French colonies. As long as Petain can threaten to flee to North Africa and turn the fleet, air force and colonial army over to co-operation with the British, the Germans must carefully weigh the cost of breaking the armistice terms by invading the unoccupied zone or seizing French naval bases.

The second and, possibly the most important, safeguard is the pro-British feeling among the French armed forces and the people. Three experienced observers just returned from North Africa told the same story: that the French navy took an objective view of the military necessity that prompted British attacks at Oran and Dakar, and that the feeling among both men and officers was favourable to the British.

The people of the occupied zone are invariably described by responsible persons reaching Vichy as becoming daily more bitter against the Germans—largely because an army of occupation paralyses business and hits the people in their pocket-books. In the unoccupied zone, the people have not yet recovered enough from the daze of defeat to worry seriously about who is going to win the war. But if they forget their own troubles long enough to talk about it, the old fear of Germany emerges, and there are new signs scrawled in chalk on the walls: "Vive De Gaulle!" Copyright 1941 by United Press.

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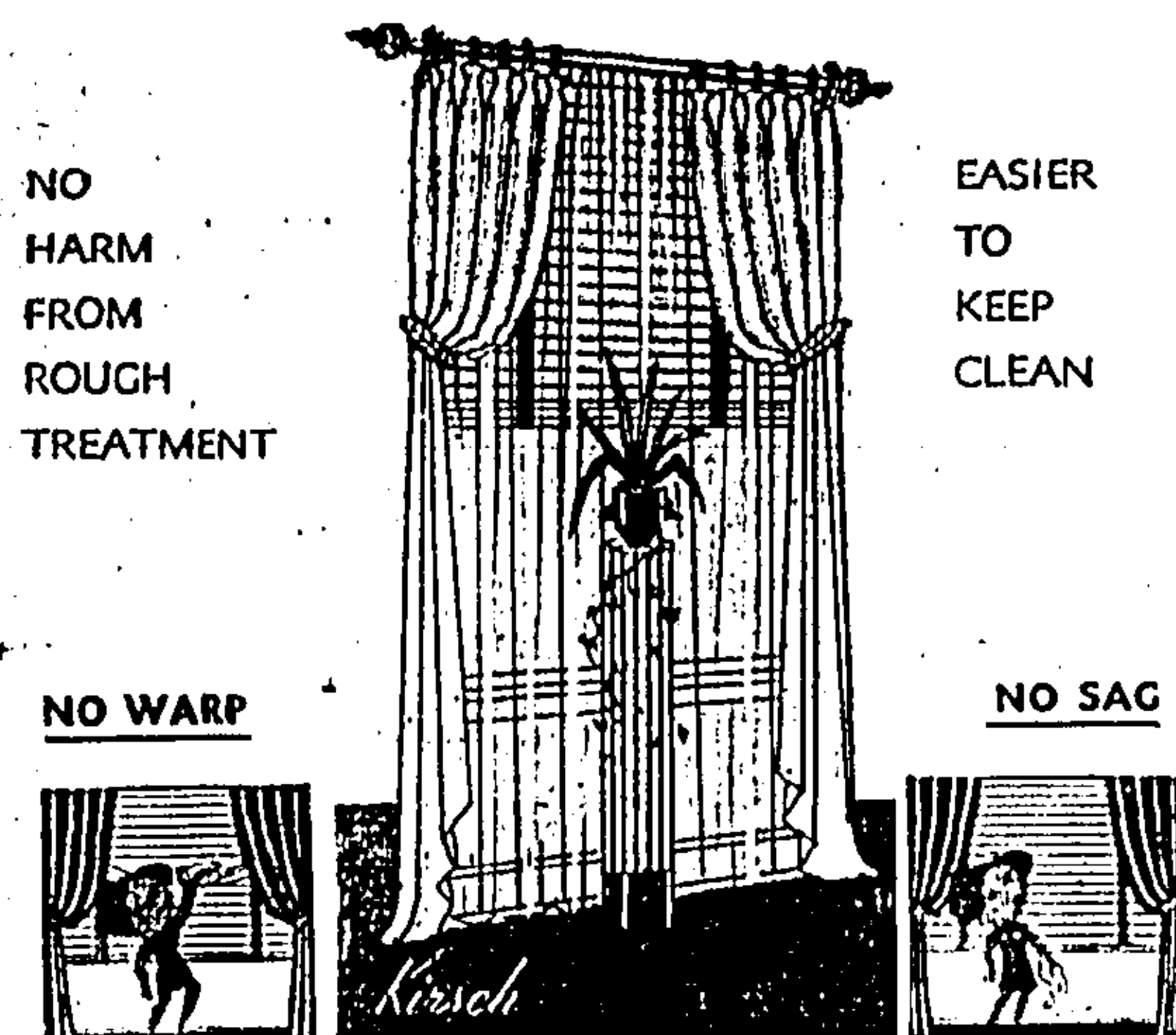
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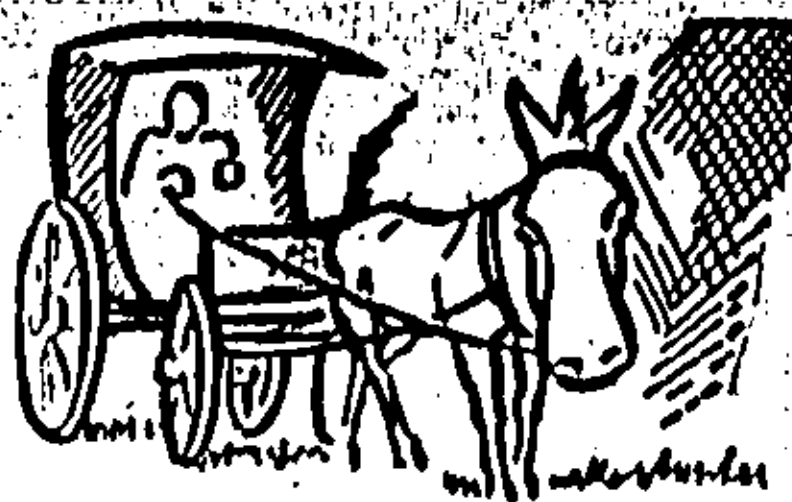
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BALANCE SHEET

AN attempt to strike a balance in the progress of the greatest war in history shows that the democracies have emerged fairly well from the struggle to date when full consideration is given to their utter unpreparedness. The first wars, beginning in the early part of the last decade, can be merged for the sake of convenience into one long diplomatic struggle which the democracies lost all along the line—in Manchuria, Abyssinia, Spain, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Munich. On the field was lost the Battle of France, the Battle for Norway and the Battle of the Balkans.

We won the greatest victory of the war ten months ago—the Battle of Britain. With America's help now certain we can count the Battle of the Atlantic won, though we must continue to suffer some losses. In Africa the issue is still clouded despite the brilliant success of our troops in the north-east because of two factors: the uncertainty with regard to the Arab peoples and the possible swing of French Africa against us by allowing the enemy to use bases there.

The fact that the Bulgarians are being asked to police more territory to free Nazi troops coupled with the activity of the Royal Navy round Gibraltar would seem to indicate that we are preparing some very strong medicine for the enemy in the Middle East. The defences of Britain have reached a stage when we can afford to release troops for the Middle East from where, indeed, it is not inconceivable that invasion of the continent might be made to subdue Italy, if not to effect a final blow.

Though the loss of the Suez Canal and Gibraltar would never reconcile us to defeat we shall make a great bid to maintain ourselves in the Mediterranean. We have won some notable victories in the three elements there against great odds and we shall press to consolidate them.

The determination of the surviving democracies to force a successful conclusion to the war is stronger than ever; this factor, together with the knowledge that we are daily improving our military resources, permits quiet confidence in the final outcome of the struggle.

Lessons of the GREAT RETREAT FROM COLLECTIVE SECURITY

IT needs a stout heart and indomitable faith in the midst of such a war as this

to take a hopeful view of the League of Nations.

Shall we witness a joyful return to the great palace at Geneva when the struggle is over and the world makes its new start?—Will the nations write off as a partial or total failure the great experiment which was begun after the last war? Will they try again on new and, perhaps, less pretentious lines?

Such questions may seem vain to many when our immediate concern is to beat the enemy. Yet some of the best brains should be thinking ahead in view of eventual Peace Conference lest important decisions should have to be taken without adequate consideration.

Europe is certain to be extremely war-weary when the last shot is fired—victors as well as vanquished. It was so in 1918. War-weariness does not conduce to sound constructive thought.

Those who would refresh memories almost necessarily confused by the swift passage of exciting events and perpetually recurrent crises should turn to Viscount Cecil's "A Great Experiment," published recently by Jonathan Cape (16s). Few can have been better acquainted with what went on behind the scenes than he. He attended the birth of the League at Versailles in 1919 and, as it were, adopted the child as his special charge. He took a foremost part in many of its triumphs and some of its disasters.

For the League he abandoned all other political interests. In season and out of season he was its untiring champion and advocate. Though he calls this book an autobiography, most of the story is monopolised by the League, as though he himself did not begin to live until he found his real calling and election in the service of the League.

It is not a thrilling story. The spectacle of an enthusiast playing on his ravaged heart-strings is always sorrowful. Nor is he even now "to sorrow resigned." When his indignation is not ablaze it is smouldering, and it is directed almost always against British Ministers. He does not accept the view—which many find easiest to accept—that the League was born before the world was ready for its coming. Statesmen and delegates who were supposed when they reached Geneva to forget their nationalistic ambitions and think first of the general good of humanity signally failed to rise to the lofty standards required. It is notorious that the spirit of intrigue was as rampant at

Geneva as in the Foreign Offices they had left behind them.

Will it be so to the end? I do not care to prophesy. But that it will be so for a very long time in the years after this war is sure. "Nurse no extravagant hopes" might usefully serve as one of the humbler mottoes of any future League of Nations. As the author sorrowfully hints on his last page, where he distinguishes between "the region of political reform and that of spiritual regeneration," the spiritual and moral atmosphere of Europe has not improved in the first four

decades of this century, whatever may be said of the old "iniquities"—the Balance of Power, Secret Diplomacy and the dynastic ambitions of Kings.

The most important chapter in this book is the last—in which Viscount Cecil draws his "conclusions." As might be expected, he utterly scorns the idea of abandoning in despair the basic principle of the Covenant—the prevention of war and collective security against the aggressor. He assumes that there must be a League of some sort which embodies that principle, though possibly built on different foundations.

He rejects the various Federal schemes which are finding their support in some quarters. They would be no more acceptable, he thinks, to the countries concerned than was the scheme of Imperial Federation which the late Lord Milner sponsored a quarter of a century ago.

The Dominion statesmen emphatically turned down that proposal on the ground that their countries would never accept the claim to dominate the Western Pacific. These two Powers, in rule of any Imperial legislature, or executive in which they would each have only a minority voice. The Constitution looked fine on paper, but it would not march. How can it be supposed, therefore, that Great Britain, the United States, or France, or like Viscount Cecil, are demanding any country, large or small, would accept a Constitution under which it might find itself committed to war, or to free trade, against its own wish, by a combination of other States?

The author himself lends support to a totally different plan of reform. He attributes in large measure "the lack of solidarity which was a terrible fiasco, less an esprit de corps in the League should be a warning. Powers which should have in nationalisms cannot be 'broken down' without breaking down foreign policy during the last automatically to resist an attack every other form of nationalism, ten years would come with on one of their number" to a want of imagination caused by

geographical remoteness or other considerations. Then he goes on to say:—

"I believe all these defects would be lessened if there were, inside the framework of the League a confederation or confederations of geographically related Powers with appropriate confederated organs."

"The most obviously necessary of these bodies would be a European Confederation, the central object of which should be the preservation of European peace."

"It should be open to European members of the League who fully accept the principle that aggression is an international crime and are prepared to use all their strength to protect victims of it in Europe."

"Questions of social and economic progress, including possibly a common

currency and a common tariff policy, would doubtless arise. If, as is vital for permanent peace, a scheme of international limitation of armaments is adopted, it might probably involve an international air force under the control of the European General Staff."

This brief outline can be filled out by reference to a Memorandum submitted by the author to the League of Nations Union of the last year which is given as an appendix to the book. He there insists that whatever territorial and financial arrangements are coming to the conclusion that the two vital problems to be solved must be the Main-tenance of Future Peace and Economic and Social Reconstruction.

The first of these two problems was faced by the Peace Conference of 1919 which proposed schemes which are finding their support in some quarters. They would be no more acceptable, he thinks, to the countries concerned than was the scheme of Imperial Federation which the late Lord Milner sponsored a quarter of a century ago.

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If Viscount Cecil had addressed himself more to a clear exposition of his "conclusions" than to the drafting of his sweeping indictment of Ministers for missing the boat at critical conjunctures, and committing, as he thinks, so many inexcusable timidities and cowardly retreats, his book would have been made more useful.

Let a single example serve! After stating and rejecting the excuses made for the lamentable handling by the British Government of Italy's aggression against Abyssinia, the author says:

"Not the feebleness of the action from the start and the subsequent abandonment of resistance to aggression were not due to any reasonable fear of the consequences to us and to France of League action against Italy. It was the result of the view held at the time vigorously in France and actually, though not explicitly, in Britain that to regard prevention of war, by force if necessary, as our highest interest and duty was a piece of vision, any nonsense, and that nothing of the kind should be attempted unless some fragment of national territory or a section of national trade was also threatened."

That is too bitter. The truth would seem to be that as the international situation worsened, faith in the efficacy, if not in the doctrine, of collective security dwindled fast. The determination of most nations to keep out of the next war was strengthened by each recurrent crisis and whatever politicians might say on public platforms people were coming to the conclusion that unless some vital interest of their country was directly threatened prudence counselled them to keep clear of the threatening storm.

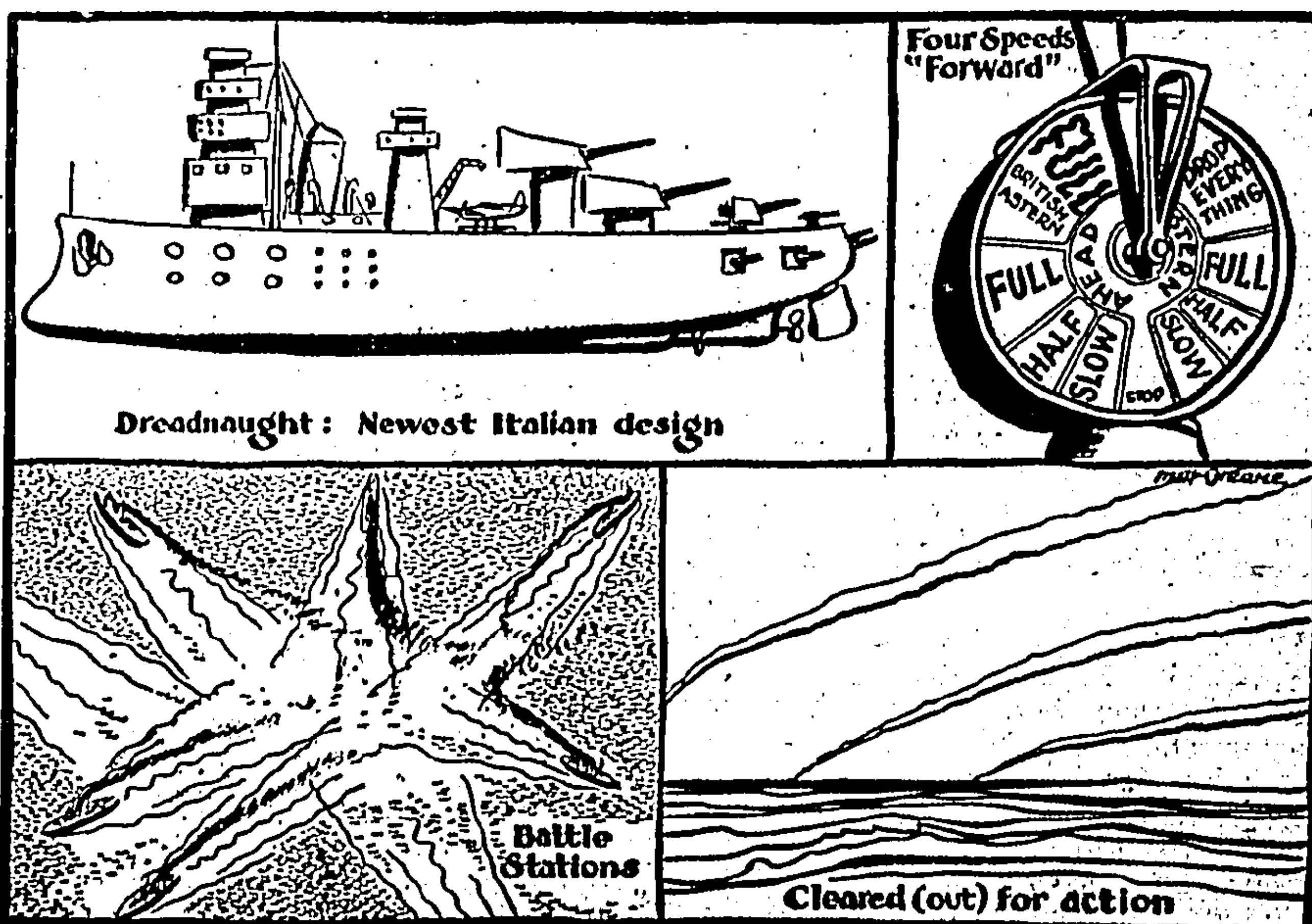
Belgium's withdrawal from her Locarno obligations was significant. States stood by collective security in principle, but they sought safety in Facts of Non-Aggression and—counting without Hitler—in neutrality.

But the extreme brittleness of collective security was never explained to the public when they were asked to make it the sheet anchor of British foreign policy, and the eleventh hour was well advanced before the National Government began to grow seriously alarmed at the grave defects in the national defences.

Those grave defects, indeed, lay at the back of all the timidities and delinquencies of British Prime Ministers and Ministers in their relation to collective security.

The fighting services had been let down. Great Britain was in no state to go to the aid of the aggressors traded boldly upon her unreadiness. If Viscount Cecil had been as fearful as an advocate of rearmament as he was of Collective Security, his bitter indictment of British foreign policy during the last ten years would come with a greatly modified persuasiveness and weight.

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LONDON, May 19 (Central News).—A sensational story of how Japan aids Axis intrigues in the Middle East is reported in the "News-Chronicle" by Gedge, well-known ex-"Daily Telegraph" correspondent in Central Europe.

In Gedge's intrigues throughout the Moslem countries Gedge revealed that the Japanese Consul at Beirut who is a Japanese Moslem graduate of famous Al-Azhar University, Cairo, and who speaks fluent Arabic, has been assiduously distributing propaganda urging "Asia for the Asians" and "expel the white man".

Japanese everywhere, Gedge alleged, allow German and Italian espionage organisations to use the Japanese diplomatic bags wherever the Axis Consulates no longer open.

LUCES ARE LEAVING

CHUNGKING, May 20 (Reuter).—Mr Henry Luce, publisher of "Life" and "Time" and Mrs Luce, will probably leave on Wednesday or Thursday for the United States via Rangoon and Singapore.

They are making arrangements with the British authorities for aeroplane passage from Singapore to Manila. If this fails to materialise, they will fly from Chungking to Hongkong to take the Clipper to Manila.

PRINCE KONOYE MAY BE OUSTED BY MATSUOKA

SHANGHAI, May 19 (International).—Rumours are again current here that the position of Premier Fumimaro Konoze is precarious. An earlier report said that the Foreign Minister, Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, might succeed Konoze as premier.

Much seems to depend on the Japanese offensive now under way in Chekiang, Fukien, Hupchi, Honan, Shansi and Kwangtung. Japanese successes in all these sectors appeared to have been stalemated, although the primary objective is to destroy Chinese forces.

STOCK EXCHANGE Turnover Is Small

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, the turnover was small with price movements confined to narrow limits.

Gilt-edged stocks were easier on a switch-over of interest towards the London War Savings Campaign.

Foreign bonds were steady except Spanish 4 per cent, which lost two and a half points to 22½.

Home rails recorded useful gains. Industrials were featured by improvements in iron and steel stocks, shipping and textiles. Amongst the cotton spinners were firm on payment of the year's dividend of 4 per cent on preferred shares.

Wall Street was dull but steady.

More Mobilisation

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—President Roosevelt to-day called into active service eight more National Guard aviation squadrons, as well as infantry and coast artillery battalions.

Tea House Boys Who Fatally Beat Non-Paying Customer

"If young men like you take the law into your own hands as you undoubtedly did, you cannot complain if you have to take the consequences," declared His Honour, the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Criminal Sessions this morning at the end of a manslaughter case against two youthful tea shop foks.

Accused were Cheng Chan-leung, 20, and Chan Ming-lap, 21, and they were charged with having assaulted and killed an unknown Chinese man at the Sing Heung Tea-house at No. 7 Cheung On Street, Kowloon City district, between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. on April 11.

Mr M. J. Abbott, Crown Counsel, prosecuted with the assistance of Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey.

Members of the Jury were Messrs Emile Foulard (Foreman), Yuen Kwok-ching, Ho Kai-suey, Lui Maria Xavier, George Kelly, Li Kwan and Au Key-wai.

Before the Prosecution's case was opened, His Lordship congratulated Mr Abbott on his being called to the bar.

Outlining the case, Mr Abbott said that a somewhat unusual feature of the case was that the dead man was unknown. He would say that this did not invalidate the charge.

The incident took place early on the morning of April 11. About 11 a.m., the deceased entered the tea house and asked for and was given tea and cakes. When he had finished his meal he had no money to pay and he told the cashier, a woman, this. What exactly happened after this was not entirely clear but, anyway, it seemed that the deceased first of all arrived at the kitchen at the back of the premises. It was not quite sure whether he was taken to the back of the premises. Subsequently, the deceased arrived in the back yard.

Violent Assault

Continuing, Mr Abbott said that the next thing that took place in the back yard was a violent assault on the deceased. There was a call of "save life" in a man's voice and eyewitnesses would say that either during the assault or afterwards they saw both first and second accused men. It was known that the deceased was killed between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. The deceased was tied up to a drain pipe by his hands and feet. It was known that a crowd of tea-house foks were beating him up and it was known also that at 7 a.m. the man was dead.

Kong Ping, a customer, looked out of a window and he saw a crowd of tea-house foks beating up the deceased. He saw the second accused amongst that crowd. This witness went from the tea-house into the kitchen and looking into the yard he saw the deceased lying on the ground apparently unconscious. He was told to go away but he stood his ground and he saw two persons carrying the deceased out to a scavenging lane.

Pretending To Be Dead

Chan Wong, another man, also witnessed this operation. Chan asked what the matter was and was told that the man was just pretending to be dead. Deceased was carried out and left propped up against a wall. Chan was absolutely certain that the two men who carried out the body were the two accused, said Mr Abbott. Chan reported to the Police what he had seen and Police Constable Choi Yee found the body. Mr Abbott said that Dr H. H. Tai conducted the post mortem examination and he found that cause of death was rupture of the spleen and that this was twice the normal size. Mr Abbott pointed out that this form of enlarged spleen was not an unusual thing to find in Hongkong.

Mr Abbott recalled that the Doctor had said that it would require a fair amount of force to rupture the spleen even when it was twice the normal size. Mr Abbott said that the salient facts of the case were that the

Chinese Military Mission

SINGAPORE, May 19 (Reuter).—The Chinese Military Mission, which has been on a visit here, is returning to Chungking "fortified" with knowledge of the immense strength and military preparedness of Malaya," declared a member of the Mission in a farewell broadcast to-day.

The Mission has just completed a two weeks' tour, during which it visited many centres of military importance. This tour, the spokesman added, has enabled them to understand the real strength of Malaya. "We are happy in the knowledge that we have a strong friend here in this part of the world," he concluded.

Traffic Offences

E. Grossman, of Grossman & Company, No. 10 Ice House Street, was cautioned by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, k.c., at Central Magistracy this morning for driving at an excess speed at Queen's Road East at 12.15 a.m. on May 9.

Defendant pleaded guilty. Sergeant Dinsdale said that the situation was not dangerous at the time. Defendant had a clear record and had been driving since 1929.

A. J. Stephen, of Watson & Co., was also cautioned by Mr Sheldon for driving at an excess speed on Queen's Road Central on May 8. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Accused had a clear record. Both Defendants were said to have been driving between 35 and 40 miles per hour.

STABILISATION COMMITTEE

CHUNGKING, May 20 (Reuter).—The Committee of the Chinese Currency Stabilisation Fund, which comprises three Chinese members, one Briton and one American, will shortly establish headquarters in Chungking, according to the "China Times," which is generally regarded as close to Chinese financial circles.

Chinese members on the Committee are Mr Chen Kwang-lu (Chairman of the Foreign Trade Commission), Mr Pei Sung-sun of the Bank of China, and Mr Hsi Teh-mou of the Central Bank of China.

The British member is Mr Cyril Rogers and the American member is Mr Fox.

Tallulah Bankhead And Husband Part

Tallulah Bankhead, former West End actress and daughter of the late Senator Bankhead, has announced from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, that she and her actor-husband, John Emery, have decided, "after long and conscientious thought," to separate.

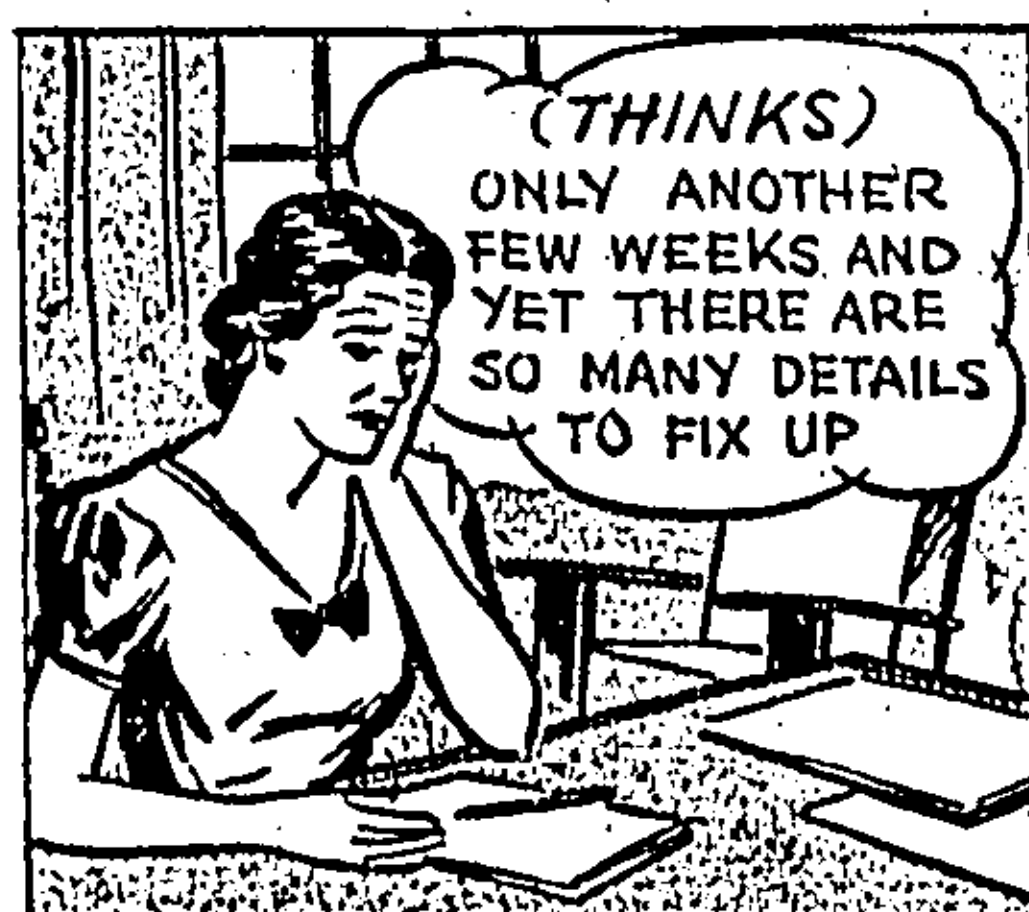
They were married on August 31, 1937.

Bratza, Violinist, Married

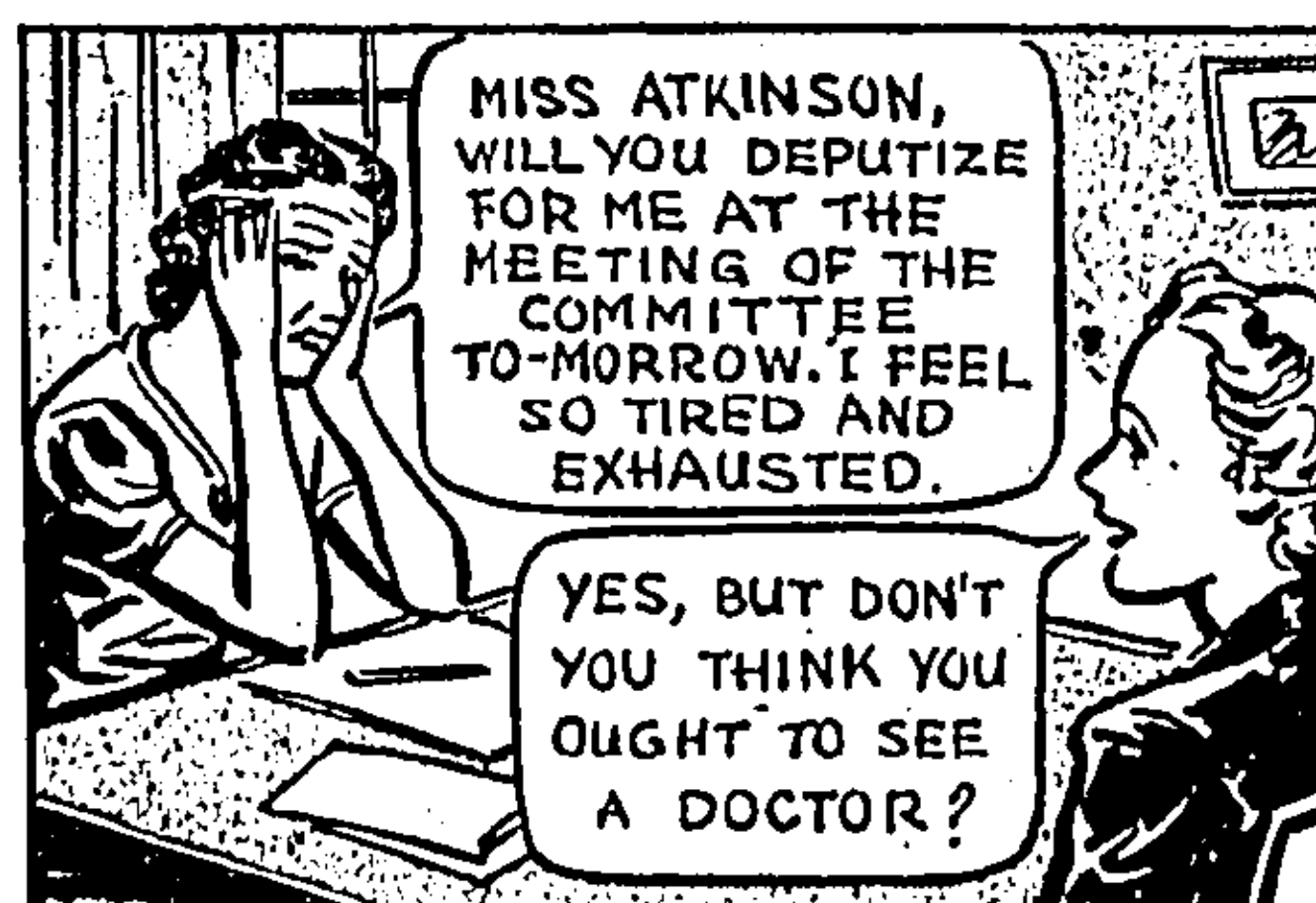
Miss Margaret Mary Russell, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Russell, of Killowen, was married at Epson recently to Mr M. Bratza Yvonovitch, better known as Bratza, the violinist.

The bride is an A.R.P. ambulance driver at Hendon, and the bridegroom an air raid warden at Mill Hill, where he lives with his mother.

CHARITY WORKER NEARLY FAILS IN ORGANISING APPEAL

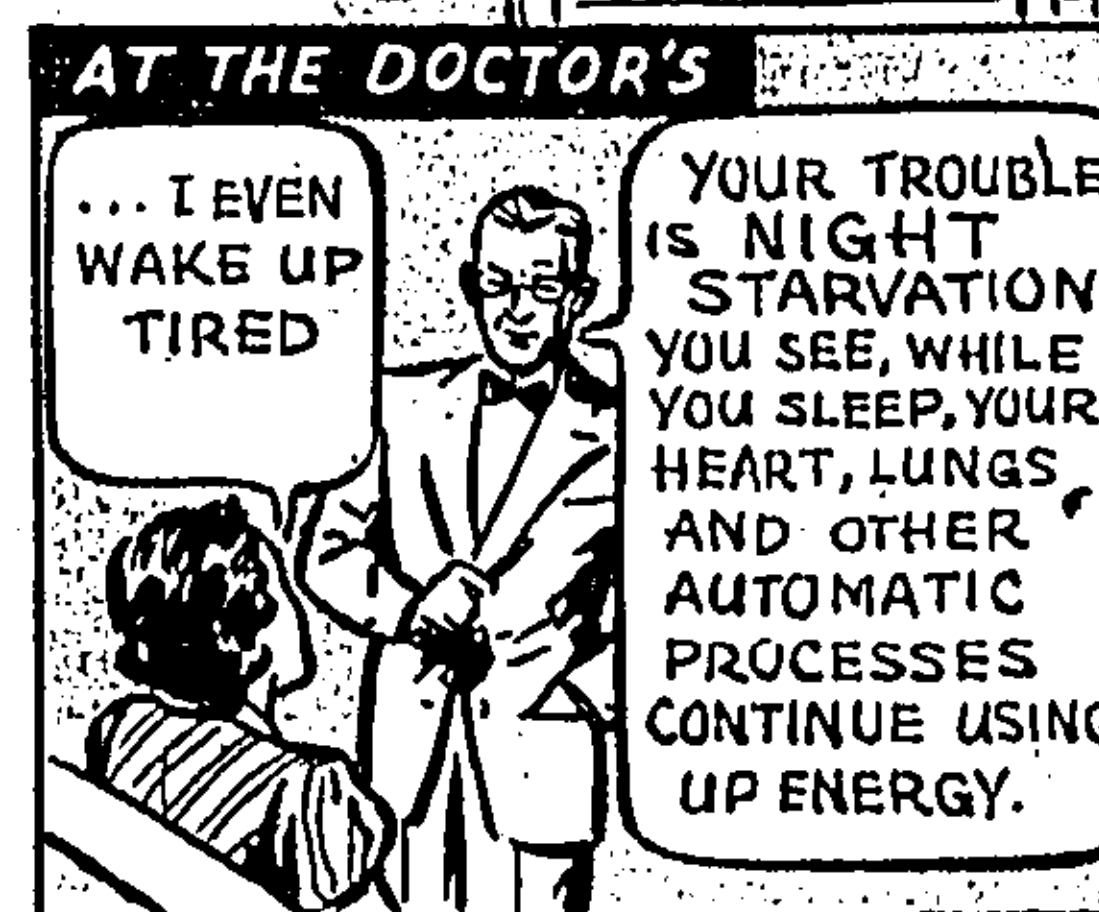


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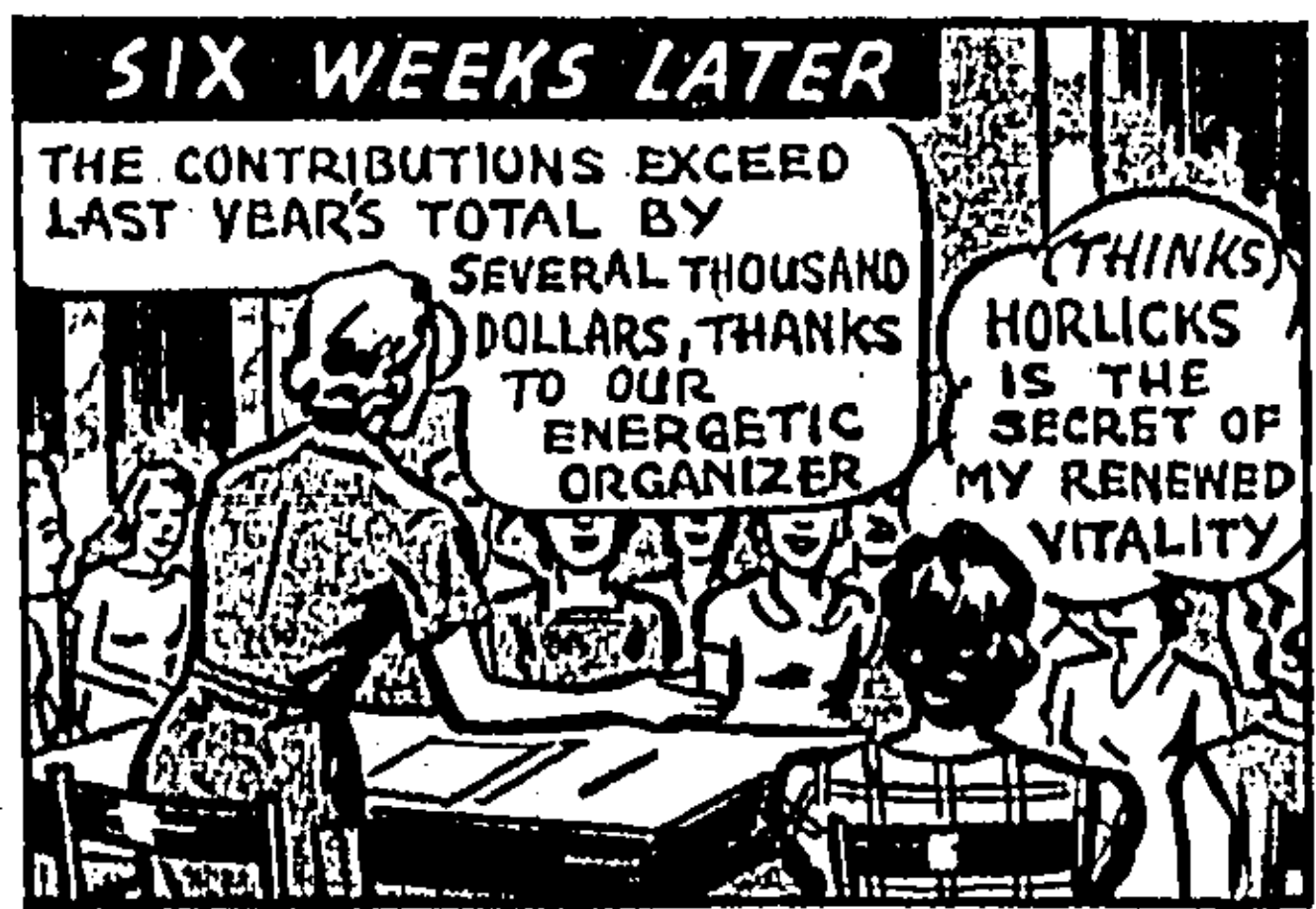
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U.S. Move To Buy French Possessions

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—According to press reports from Washington, the Republican Congressman, Francis Case, has introduced a Bill in the House of Representatives whereby Mr Cordell Hull will be authorised to negotiate for the acquisition of French possessions in the Western Hemisphere and such ships, aeroplanes, and cargoes as France wishes to sell.

The cost will be paid from the \$2,000,000,000 Stabilisation Fund.

LONDON'S FIGHTING SPIRIT

LONDON, May 19 (British Wireless).—When Sir George Wilkinson, Lord Mayor of London, opened the City of London's savings centre at Mansion House, Mr P. C. Crump, Joint Secretary of the Prudential Assurance Company, handed him a cheque for £5,000,000 worth of 2½ per cent. National War Bonds.

Sir George announced that he had been promised more than £4,000,000 by other commercial houses.

General Sir Walter Kirke, former C-in-C. Home Forces, said that Londoners were fighting valiantly on all fronts and those at home were obviously determined not to let them down.

The Munich agreement, signed by Mr Neville Chamberlain and the Dictators, is on show at Hammer-smith Town Hall with the treaty by which Germany guaranteed Belgium's neutrality before the last war.

U.S. Seeks French Possessions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—Representative Francis Case introduced a bill before the House to-day authorising the Secretary of State, Mr Cordell Hull, to negotiate for the acquisition of French possessions in the Western Hemisphere and such ships, aeroplanes and cargoes as France wants to sell. The cost would come from the \$2,000,000,000 stabilisation fund.

French Claim
BERLIN, May 19 (UP).—The official news agency reports from Vichy that the French Ambassador at Washington, M. Henry-Haye has protested to the United States Government over the confiscation of French ships in American harbours.

No Consultations
WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—Mr Cordell Hull told a press conference to-day that no consultations were proceeding with other American republics regarding the question of occupying French possessions in the Western Hemisphere.

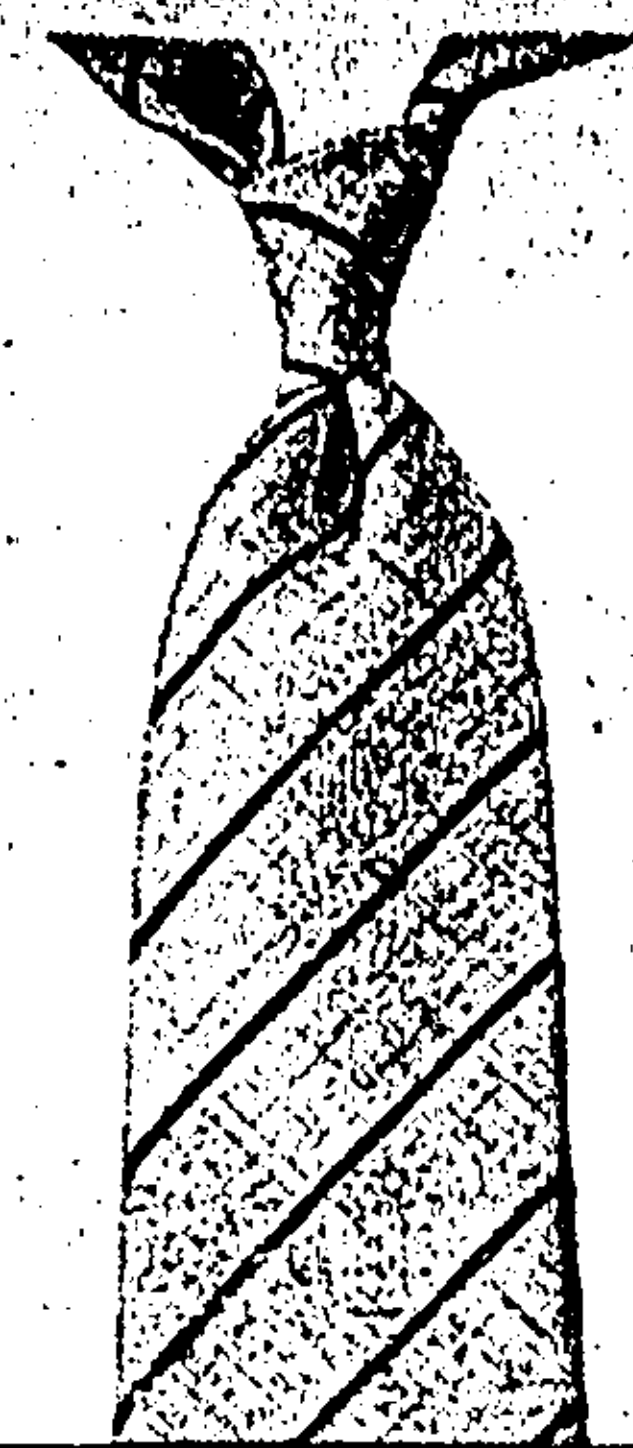
The Secretary of State added that despite the critical views here regarding Vichy's "collaboration" with Germany, the United States was keeping in mind that Martinique might need foodstuffs and other supplies.

Proposal To House
WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—Representative Case proposed to the House that the State Department be permitted to negotiate with France for the acquisition of Martinique, Guadeloupe, St Pierre and Miquelon, French Guiana, and "such ships, aeroplanes and cargoes as the French Government cares to sell."

Naval Auxiliaries For U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives has passed and transmitted to the Senate a Bill authorising the construction of about 50 naval auxiliaries totalling 550,000 tons at an estimated cost of \$350,000,000.

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U.S. Auxiliaries Royal Exiles Go To Virgin Islands

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—The House to-day passed the Senate bill permitting the Navy Department to buy or build 50 auxiliaries totalling 550,000 tons and authorizing expenditures of \$350,000,000, for this purpose.

BERMUDA, May 19 (Reuter).—Ex-King Carol and Madame Lupeau are leaving here to-day for St Thomas, capital of the Virgin Islands (American possession).

Spring Training Nears Its End

M. el Arculli's Brilliant Pitching Holds Tulsa Squad Down

Truelight Schoolgirls Defeat Cardinals

(By "Ball Fan")

Nearing the end of a rapid spring training programme at the Caroline Hill sand dunes, local major league baseball clubs are expected to break camp pretty soon, heading north for the gala season opener. Showing signs of ball-playing weariness, Tulsa's mighty baseball machine divided their two games week-end card as they crushed a weak-playing Royal Engineer nine, in a Saturday afternoon confab, to the sweet tune of 25-0, behind the charmed hurling of Babe Strickland, but took a bad 10-4 loss as the H.B. Beermen slugged home with their second straight pre-season win.

Truelight's student softball lassies took a clean-cut 8-5 win from Dixie Walker's depleted Redbird Cardinals, at the mid-level Stubbs Road ball park. It was the second straight triumph garnered by the schoolgirls since their baptism into local softball circles.

The Maple Leaf Canuckettes took a one game lead in their classic series against Eddie Marquess' Standard Oilers with a 14-10 win over the Oil "seniors" at the Lai Chi Kok fairways in a weekend picnic fracas.

STAGING a tremendous run-scoring uprising against the weak-willed Engineers, Manager Dave Usher's mighty Tulsa diamond once-played "scorched earth" ball to crash home with a colossal 25 run merry-go-round. Uncle Sam's new dealers took a ball busting eight tally lead in the 1st frame on seven solid blows to send Sapper hurler Raddy Radcliffe rushing to the well-known showers.

Faced by Gerry "ace base ump" Germonto's circuit labelled clout in the 6th, a stinging triple by Memphis Bill Terry in the 3rd stanza and three driving doubles, the American ball artists cashed in with powerful tallies in all but the 2nd inning, connecting for a grand slam 17 hit barrage.

Moundman Babe Strickland tossed a deceptive game from the sailor slab, using a fast change of pace and a variety of "cover-up" looks, to limit the Hamelin hoisters to a solitary bingle—a slow roller between first and second by cyclone Taylor.

Sapper manager Luke "hot potato" Hamelin worked Raddy Radcliffe, Mickey Heath and Sarsfield on the hillcock in a desperate bid to silence Tulsa's murderous row. The Engineers played loose diamond-chagging ball and were chalked up with eleven bad mis-cues in the rout.

SHOWING SIGNS of spring training weariness, the battling seamen from across the broad expanse, took a 10-4 Sunday morning defeat, as H.B.'s galloping brewers played inspired ball to cruise in with their second straight unofficial victory.

The beermen opened up with a bang in the initial stanza, and pushed across three markers on a

wild throw, a classic bunt and a tantalizing single over third by Dave "the old desperado" Leonard.

The Yankee tars crashed across three tallies in the first of the 2nd, in a big move to force through with the coveted lead; but the beer kings sewed up the old ball game in the 3rd stanza with another three run outburst as Showboat Ali scored on Dave Leonard's bingle to left, with the old bum sallying across the platter moments later behind Tony Alves on Stan Leonard's slashing single over second.

The losers came in with their final tally in the 4th, when Germonto's timely bingle over first drove in "Texas" Gullin. The beer stalwarts added a three run "confidence" spree in their half of the 4th when Oberon Arculli, George Sousa and Hank Ali flashed over the pan with good measure tallies.

The mighty T pulled off a screwball double play in the 4th with the bags loaded when beerman Baby Abbas, in ducking from one of MacLanahan's fast balls, unintentionally hit out a "back slide" slow roller to Tulsa's stabster who started an easy double-killing via MacLanahan to Red Simmons to Gerry Germonto.

Madden Arculli, H.B. brewer's premier moundman, in his first appearance of the year, dished up a masterful hurling performance in holding the dangerous Tulsaman to seven scattered bingles and striking out six.

THE Truelight scholars came through with their second straight win, taking an 8-5 triumph from Dixie Walker's abbreviated Cardinals.

The winners took a two run lead in the 2nd frame on a double and single by Ellen Ling and Lai Bli-wong, but the Cards came back in the 3rd frame to even up as June Hall and Betty Clarke crossed the bouncing platter. The Redbirds went into a one run lead in the opening of the 4th, but the schoolgirls returned in their half of the inning with a three run spurge on successive singles by Chee Yuen-ching and Rosie Lau, and a terrific homer to deep centre by the starry Margery Woo.

Walker's winsome maidens tied up the game in the 5th, but another three run spree, which climaxed with a circuit clout by outfielder Wun May-cuk in the 6th frame put the game on ice for the schoolgirls.

Hurler Dolly Brown, toting the slab for the first time in a Cardinal uniform, had plenty of smoke oozing out from her speed balls and with a little more experience will be a top flight hurler out there next season.

Student Margery Woo glittered again behind the plate with her rapid-fire throws to second and her powerful clutching clubbing, which just about stamps her as one of the Colony's standout softballettes and a real find of the year.

THE Maple Leaf Canuckettes went one up on Eddie Marquess' Standard Oilers with a 14-10 picnic triumph at the softball fairways by the sea.

Going into the 4th inning on the short end of an 8-5 score, the lassies gathered together nine stinging tallies in the next three frames to come through with their "one up" win.

Base umpire Gerry "who dat man" Germonto showed the gas-house mob a few neat ones in calling them, out there by the initial sack, and certainly plenty of lustre in this femmes va hommes classic.

Swimming appeared on the programme after the battle and a light lunch was served by the Canuckettes to end a real Sunday afternoon picnic outing.

Baseball diehards are reminded that an important meeting of the league will be held in the Rexos office, Asia Life Bldg., at 6 P.M., railway time, this evening.

Week-end Stars

Maxie Maxwell and "Memphis" Bill Terry—Former led the terrific Tulsa attack against the Sappers with four solid bingles and crossed the platter with five tallies; latter came through in the pinches to drive in five teammates.

Dave Leonard and Madden Arculli, H.B. Beer—Dave came into his own to lead a brewery uprising with three timely singles to drive in three runs; latter hurled smart ball in his first appearance of the season to set the mighty T down with seven scattered bingles.

Margery Woo and Wun May-yuk, Truelight—Margery connected for a homer and a double to lead the school-girls batting attack, latter made a neat nab at left field to stop a dangerous Card threat.

Mary Ng and Mavis Chang, Canuckettes—Deceptive Mary shone like a brilliant star, on the slab with a neat tossing game in subduing the Oiler slugging threat; petite Mavis covered the centre-field spot in "Ben Chapman" style, whisking around in whiplash fashion to give a starry display in the Maple Leaf win.

Major Baseball

Chicago Cubs Trounce Tigers 14-1

NEW YORK, May 19 (UP).—Chicago Cubs came through with the outstanding win to-day, beating Brooklyn Dodgers 14-1 in the National League.

Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE		R	H	E
Brooklyn	Casey, Brown, Hamlin, Tammis, Owen, Phillips	1	4	2
Chicago	Batteries: Pascucci, McCullough, George	14	14	2
New York	Batteries: Hubbell, Danning, Pittsburgh	1	4	0
Batteries: Butcher, Lopez		2	0	1

Boston	Salvo, Berres, Giemp	3	9	4
Cincinnati	Vandermeer, Beggs, Lombardi	7	14	3

AMERICAN LEAGUE		R	H	E
Cleveland	Batteries: Milner, Brown, Hemslay, Philadelphia	4	0	1
Philadelphia	Batteries: McCrabb, Hayes	15	13	3

St. Louis	Batteries: Galehouse, Ferrell	5	8	0
New York	Batteries: Russo, Peck, Stancu, Dickey	1	4	2
Detroit	Batteries: Gornick, Tscheltz	4	10	0
Boston	Batteries: Dobson, Harris, Judd, Penneck	2	4	2

Chicago	Batteries: Smith, Tresh	8	0	2
Washington	Batteries: Kennedy, Masterson, Evans	2	10	1

Happy Valley Golf Matches Week-End Results

Results in the Adamson Cup Golf competition played during the week-end were:

First round—W. Stoker (15) beat G. W. Reeve (11) 5 and 4; A. E. Clarke (11) beat S. T. Butler (7) 1 and 2.

Semi-final—Stoker beat G. E. Willerton (12) 3 and 2; Clarke beat F. Buckle (12) 4 and 3.

Final—Stoker beat Clarke 11 and 9.

Junior Title

First round results of the Junior Section Championship were:

W. J. Butler beat A. L. Powell; W. V. Aiken beat R. M. Keown; J. Young beat D. W. Becken; J. Smith beat P. E. Low.

The Stableford Competition was cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

Hoax Report

Resignations From Soccer Committee Denied

We are asked to state that there is no truth in the report, appearing in our issue of yesterday, to the effect that Mr. Hugh A. Beard, Chairman, and Mr. D. Kossiek, Civilian Representative, have resigned from the Committee of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association.

Both are still keenly interested in the game of Association Football and the welfare of Referees. They state that they have no intention of withdrawing their support from the Association and are at a complete loss to understand what gave rise to the false report.

The only alteration in the constitution of the Committee of the H.K.F.R.A. since the last general meeting is Mr. W. H. Foster, who has taken the place of Mr. M. Minahan as Army Representative, the latter having left the Colony.

The usual routine committee meeting is not due to take place until Thursday of this week.



Dave Leonard (H. B. Brewery) one of the victims of the double play by the Tulsa in Sunday's baseball game at Caroline Hill. Catcher Simmons ready to throw for the second victim.—Ming Yuen.

League Tennis

K.C.C. Defeats H.K.C.C. In "A" Division Only Scheduled Game

The Wah Yan Past Students' Association will hold its fourth annual sports meeting at Caroline Hill on Sunday at 10.30 a.m. The programme includes an open 400 metres relay. The tour of war and football match between past and the present boys will constitute the highlights of the meeting. The prizes have been donated by patrons and Council members. Mr. Lim Hoi Lan, Headmaster of Wah Yan College, Kowloon, will distribute the prizes. Entries will be received by Mr. Tam Sik Poon, China Ink & Lacquer Co., Ltd., Shell House.

Programme
Long Jump, 50 metres race, A Grade 100 metres, Shot Put, High Jump.
Little Visitors' Race, 50 metres race (for women workers of the Wah Yan War Relief Association), A Grade 200 metres, Obstacle race.
Tour of War (Old Boys v. Present Boys), Football Match (Old Boys v. Present Boys), 400-metres relay (Open to the Colony).

Home Soccer Fixtures For May 24

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures for Saturday, May 24:

LONDON CUP
Millwall v. Arsenal.

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Aldershot v. Crystal Palace; Brentford v. Reading; Cardiff City v. Portsmouth; Gillingham v. Southampton; Tottenham v. Leicester; Walsall v. Nottingham Forest; Watford v. Queen's Park Rangers; Westham v. Chelsea.

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE
Blackpool v. Preston North End; Everton v. Sheffield United; Manchester City v. Bolton Wanderers; York City v. Middlesbrough.

REGIONAL MATCH
Chesterfield v. Stoke City.

"B" Division Matches
The following is to-day's programme of "B" Division matches:

C.R.C. v. Army T.C.
Kowloon C.C. v. C.S.C.C.
S.C.A.A. v. K. Tong

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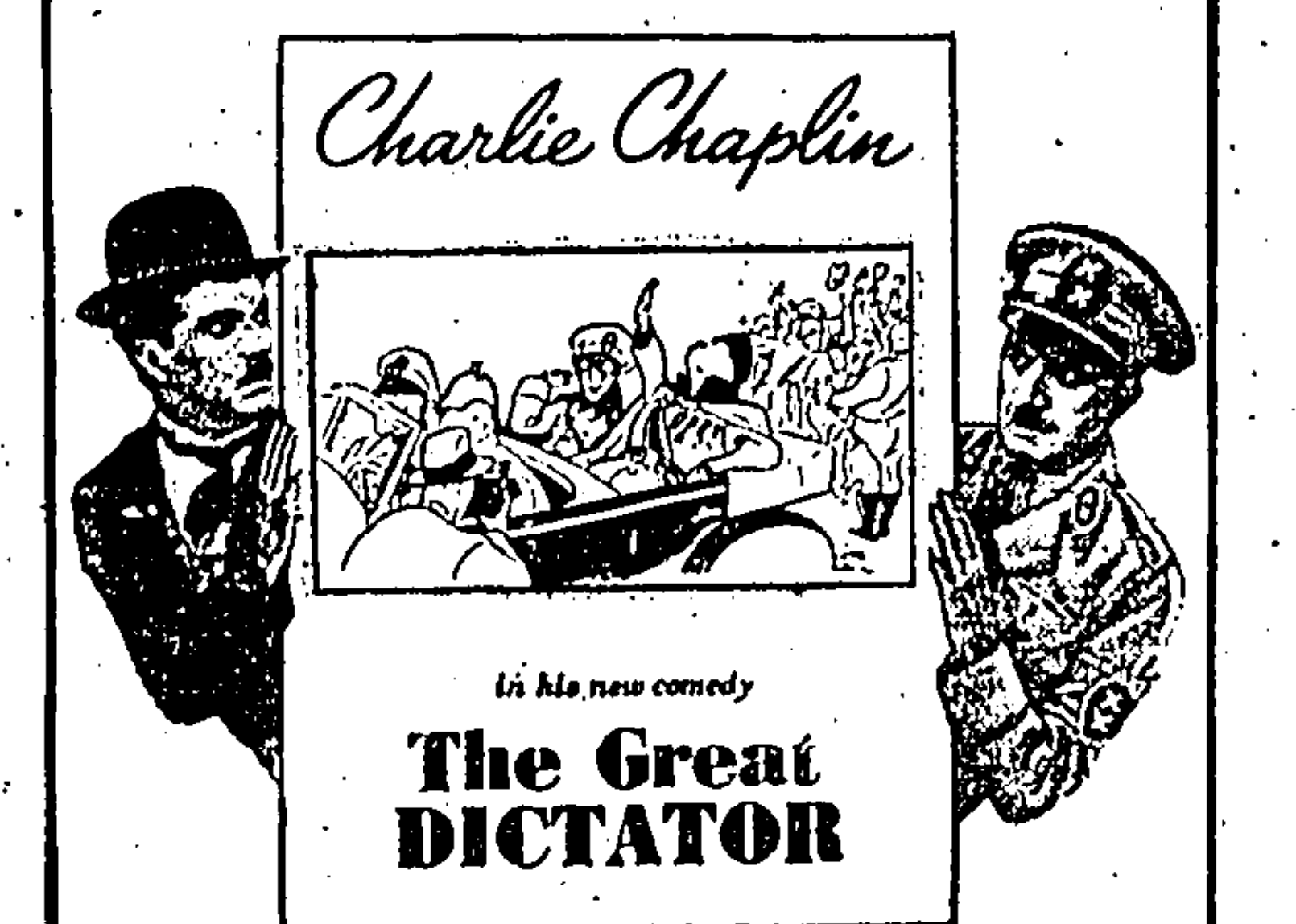
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Wireless Offences

Sum Hing-chung, 32, reporter of the Kwok Ming Tong, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning with possession of wireless transmitters and receiving apparatus without the necessary licence, sale permit or letter of exemption, maintaining and working the wireless transmitters, and possession of private codes. Luk Kam-wah, 23, master of the Tai Chung Stationery Shop, was charged with maintaining and working the wireless transmitters, and together with Luk Kam-fu, 18, student, was charged with possession of secret codes.

Mr. D. W. Waterton, Senior Inspector of Wireless, prosecuted, and Mr. P. H. Sin appeared for Defendants.

Mr. Waterton said that at 10.30 a.m. on April 28, the Police acting on information railed No. 98 Robinson Road, second floor and discovered one big wireless transmitter complete with receiving apparatus in the front cubicle, two portable small wireless transmitters in the middle cubicle and another big wireless transmitter in the rear cubicle. The two portable wireless transmitters were found to be unserviceable. Also found were spare parts of the wireless transmitters and several secret codes. On the person of third Defendant was found one secret code book.

Mr. Waterton asked His Worship to take a serious view of the matter as this kind of offence had been occurring very frequently lately.

Plea of Guilty

Mr. Sin pleaded guilty on behalf of Defendants but said that the maximum penalty should not be imposed on Defendants since they had not done anything with the wireless transmitters that might endanger the safety of Hongkong, the Government or the Republic of China. Defendants probably belonged to some organisation but the fact that they were very frank about the affair showed that they did not know the seriousness of the offence.

The two separate charges of possession and maintaining were of the same nature and should be considered as a single count.

Accidental Act

The charge against third Defendant was really a technical one since he was not at all connected with the business of first two Defendants. He was the brother of second Defendant, and it happened that on that day he visited his brother and accidentally put a private code book in his pocket.

His Worship agreed with Mr. Sin that the two separate charges of possession and maintaining were of the same nature, and allowed withdrawal of the charge of maintaining. He considered this kind of offence as very serious and Defendants were fortunate not to be sent to prison.

On the charge of possession the confiscation of the wireless transmitters was ordered. First and second Defendants were each fined \$1,000 or three months' hard labour on the charge of working the wireless transmitters and \$1,000 or three months on the count of possession of private codes, the sentences to run consecutively. A fine of \$1,000 or three months' hard labour was imposed on the third man.

LATE NEWS

Graceful Gesture To Churchill

SHANGHAI, May 20 (Reuter).—With 52,000 signatures attached, a telegram from Chinese residents in Shanghai to Mr. Winston Churchill, expressing respect, sympathy and a strong determination to fight for the common cause of the two nations, is expected to be handed over to the local British authorities shortly for dispatch to London.

The telegram and the signatures have already been elaborately mounted by the sponsors of the movement, namely the Chinese-American daily and one of the leading pro-Chungking dailies here, and there may be a public exhibition of the artistically prepared document before its dispatch.

The document is reported to measure three feet in width and 39 feet in length, and is covered with the signatures and red seals of famous people in all walks of life. It also contains many complimentary phrases written by the signatories in appreciation of the British leader and people. The telegram itself is written by a well-known calligraphist.

Axis Powers To Suffer

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 19 (UP).—Congress, by enacting the Reynolds-May resolution applying the export control bill to territories and possessions of the United States, made possible the application of new economic pressure against Japan, Russia and other Axis partners, especially in the vital field of vegetable oils and fats and hemp.

Philippine coconut oil and copra are the best known sources of lauric acid fats which are easily convertible into glycerine, gunpowder, plastics and many other war essentials. Hemp is a Philippine monopoly and as a raw material cannot be substituted for rope which is a vital item in ship operations and many industrial processes.

New Opium Offence Revealed

A 57-year-old widow, Lam Yun, was charged before the Police Judge, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, at the Criminal Sessions this morning with the possession of a die and block intended for the production of a mark resembling that used by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports for Government prepared opium so as to constitute a colourful imitation thereof, at Kowloon on April 10. She denied the charge.

The following Jury was empanelled: Messrs P. A. Waller (foreman), B. Poonawalla, J. Tanzy, W. C. Tillery, F. A. Gill, Chan Sun-ying and Liu Chi-cheung.

Mr. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, prosecuted. He said that about 9.30 p.m. on April 10, Revenue Officer W. V. Ahern and Chinese Revenue Officer Wong Chuen-luk carried out a raid on the second floor of 249 Temple Street. They were admitted to the floor by a woman (not Defendant) and going to the rear cubicle, saw man and Defendant sitting on a bed. The man was operating a machine, while there was a cardboard box in front of the woman. It contained small lead tubes which were stamped at the end with the letters "HK". She was seen to be holding one of these tubes, and appeared to be examining the end of it. There was a basket containing similar tubes by the side of the man, but they were not stamped.

Results of Search

The room was searched and the Revenue Officers found six moulds, four blocks and other tools on the table on which stood the machine the man was operating. A die and block with the letters "HK" engraved on them were found. Beneath the bed was a rolling-machine which could be used for stamping the tubes. The officers further discovered a press and a dish containing lead and lead tubes.

The machine was later found to be able to produce a good imitation of tubes used by the Hongkong Government for selling prepared opium.

Made In Singapore

Mr. H. A. Taylor, Government Monopoly Analyst, said that the opium and tubes sold by the Government were made and packed in Singapore, and were of two sizes. Those found in Temple Street were the smaller size.

The defendant, she knew nothing about the matter. She was a street-sleeper and was offered a job as a cook. She accepted the position, and was only on the floor three days.

The Jury returned a verdict of guilty after a retirement of ten minutes.

Two men, Lam Yun-choi, 22, and Kwan Wan 18, both unemployed, who had pleaded guilty to the same indictment earlier, were then brought up for sentence.

Sentences

His Lordship told the men that it was clear the flat was a factory for making tubes to the detriment of the Government. He sentenced them to a year's hard labour.

The woman was sentenced to four months' hard labour. His Lordship remarked that he did not think she had so much to do with the affair as the men, and hoped that the sentence would be a lesson to her.

U. S. Flying Accident

Four Airmen Dead

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SAVANNAH, Ga., May 19 (UP).—Local Army officials today announced that Second Lieutenants Frank B. Ralston of Pittsburgh and Allen J. Moore of Reno, Nevada, Sergeant David L. Boyd of Frost, Texas, and Corporal Herbert C. Pruett of Collinsville, Missouri, were killed in a collision between two Army light bombers near Rain, South Carolina. The planes were flying a formation of six en route to Langley field, Virginia, from Savannah when one plane crashed and burned. Lieutenant Moore was killed in trying to parachute.

Soviet Forms Home Guard

MOSCOW, May 19 (Reuter).—The Soviet Union, which originated the technique of parachute soldiers, has taken a leaf out of Britain's defence book in co-opting civilian defence against the new form of warfare.

The Soviet radio stated today that 13,000 miners were among a large number of citizens who took part in defence exercises in the important industrial centre of Staling (formerly Hughesobka).

Parachutists unsuccessfully tried to take the mines, radio station and metallurgical station.

Staling lies in the Don Basin in the Ukraine just north of the Black Sea and is the centre of rich coal, iron and manganese ores. It has a population of 300,000.

KWANGTUNG OBJECTIVE

Spoils At Waichow And Poklo Sought

SHIUKWAN, May 19 (International).—A high staff officer returning from the East River front revealed that about 25,000 Japanese troops of the South China command are deployed in the present operations in Waichow and Poklo, which are now enveloped by Chinese forces preparatory to a counter-offensive. The informant discounted the possibility of an enemy push to Shiukwan, believing that the present thrusts are intended largely to seize the heavy accumulation of goods at Waichow and Poklo awaiting export to the United States and Soviet Russia.

Surrender Of Duke Of Aosta

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the Jimma and Lake district to escape has thereby been cut off unless they take to the bush.

However, the Italians now have a particular aversion to the bush owing to terror of the patriot forces, who are now lurking there.

Nevertheless, this district is nearly the size of England and it may take some time to crush the enemy's resistance, unless they follow the Viceroy's example and throw up the sponge.

Gondar Area

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—Units of the Sudan Defence Force have occupied an important sector in the Gondar area and in South Abyssinia have captured an important road junction.

Eight hundred prisoners were taken, including colonels and staff officers.

Position In Libya

In Libya, there is no change at Tobruk while the situation in Basra and Habbaniyah remains unchanged.

In the south of Solium, two enemy columns, supported by tanks, crossed the frontier, but were driven back.

Duke of Aosta

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Duke of Aosta himself will surrender at noon to-morrow with his staff officers.

Duce Consulted

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Duke of Aosta and Mussolini exchanged messages before the surrender of Amba Alagi.

The Duke, after showing that surrender was no longer avoidable, said, according to the Rome radio: "I am comforted in this tragic and sad moment with the certainty of having done all that is humanly possible. But the war is not finished. Soon we shall return to these lands, once more drenched with Italian blood for the glory of our country."

11 Duce replied: "You and your soldiers have fought heroically. The Italian people have followed your stand with admiration and share your certainty for the future."

Britain Must & Will Receive The Goods

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Allies, saying: "We must produce goods needed in the defence of the free way of life. We must see that these goods reach the arms of the democracies. I am confident we will. We will unite in the support of any and all measures to achieve these purposes."

Mr. Rockefeller denounced political control in foreign trade and asserted that after the war, "a compromise would be unthinkable."

"He who would have trade with Hitler would be compelled to do so on Hitler's terms. He would be compelled deliberately to close his eyes to the coupling of commerce with political penetration. We want, and need, foreign trade, but not that kind of trade which is used by the totalitarian Powers as levers for political domination."

China Seeks More Arms By Barter

CHUNGKING, May 15 (International).—It was revealed here that on the night of May 15, Dr. H. H. Kung, the Finance Minister, called on Mr. Alexander S. Panouchkine, the Soviet Ambassador, with a view to seeking further Soviet war materials by extending the present barter agreements.

An agreement was reached in principle between the two parties, although the Soviet Ambassador has to refer the matter to Moscow. With the arrival of a large shipment of Soviet war materials and warplanes last month, more such assistance is sought.

Sino-Soviet relations are very cordial, being unaffected by the Soviet-Japanese Neutrality Treaty.

SHOT AT FROM TRAWLER

Kan Kwan, 32, junk fiddler, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday suffering from a gunshot wound in the left hip. In a statement to the Police Kan said that he was shot at by Japanese from a trawler near Hau Ilo, Chinese Territory, two days ago.

Sequel To Wyndham Street Incident

Because the Police offered no evidence against Tan King-yuk, 24, married woman, of 87 Austin Road, second floor, Tsimshatsui district, she was discharged by Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning on summons for throwing corrosive acid at Wei Kwok-ling, Manager of the Hsin Yeh News Agency, at Wyndham Street, in front of Morning Post Building, on May 6.

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What Englishmen Are Paying In Taxes

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Financial Secretary of the Treasury stated today that the total increase in taxation since the autumn of last year involved £788,000,000.

He was addressing the London Chamber of Commerce.

No U. S. Volunteers Coming To China

CHUNGKING, May 19 (Reuter).—Brigadier-General Clegg, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Air Force in the Philippines, who is at present in Chungking, has denied any knowledge that American volunteers are coming to China to join the air force.